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RESOLUTION 62/242

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 4 March 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.29/Rev.1 and Add.1, sponsored by Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Israel

62/242. Modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 61/229 of 22 December 2006 and 62/179 of 19 December 2007, in which it decided to convene, during its sixty-third session, a high-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward",

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome[1] and its follow-up resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006,

Recalling further its resolutions 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 61/230 of 22 December 2006 and 61/296 of 17 September 2007 and the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council of 18 July 2001, entitled "The role of the United Nations in support of the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development",[2]

Reaffirming its determination to address the special needs of Africa, which is the only continent not on track to meet the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

Noting that the implementation of commitments made to and by African countries will contribute to the continent's achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

Convinced that the high-level meeting will constitute a significant event that will review the implementation of all commitments made to and by Africa in order to comprehensively address the special development needs of the continent,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting will be held on 22 September 2008, prior to the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly;

2. *Decides also* that the meeting will be held at the highest possible political level, with the participation of Heads of State or Government, ministers, special representatives and other representatives, as appropriate;

3. *Decides further* that the meeting will be composed of an opening plenary meeting, followed by two high-level round tables in the morning and two high-level round tables in the afternoon, which will address the overall theme of the meeting, and a closing plenary meeting;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to finalize the organizational arrangements for the meeting;

5. *Decides* that the meeting will result in a political declaration on Africa's development needs;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to produce a concise draft text, in consultation with Member States and based on their inputs, and convene informal consultations on the initial draft text at an appropriate date to enable sufficient discussion;

7. *Strongly urges* all Member States to actively participate in the meeting;

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[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/56/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 29.

8. *Decides* that the preparations for the meeting will be conducted in close consultations between the United Nations and the African Union;

9. *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the meeting;

10. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly will consult with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector, and with Member States, as appropriate, on the list of representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector that may participate in the round tables of the meeting;

11. *Decides also* that the meeting will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly;

12. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to participate in the meeting;

13. *Invites* heads of the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies to participate in the meeting, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly;

14. *Invites* the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, the regional development banks, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and development partners to participate in the meeting;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the meeting a comprehensive report, with recommendations, on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" in cooperation with relevant development agencies of the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions and other relevant regional and international financial and trade institutions.

RESOLUTION 62/243

Adopted at the 86th plenary meeting, on 14 March 2008, by a recorded vote of 39 to 7, with 100 abstentions,[*] on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.42, sponsored by Azerbaijan

[*] *In favour:* Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Colombia, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia, Georgia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Moldova, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen

Against: Angola, Armenia, France, India, Russian Federation, United States of America, Vanuatu

Abstaining: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia

62/243. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) of 30 April 1993, 853 (1993) of 29 July 1993, 874 (1993) of 14 October 1993 and 884 (1993) of 12 November 1993, as well as General

Assembly resolutions 48/114 of 20 December 1993, entitled "Emergency international assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Azerbaijan", and 60/285 of 7 September 2006, entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan",

Recalling also the report of the fact-finding mission of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh and the letter on the fact-finding mission from the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group addressed to the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,[3]

Taking note of the report of the environmental assessment mission led by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the fire-affected territories in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region,[4]

Reaffirming the commitments of the parties to the conflict to abide scrupulously by the rules of international humanitarian law,

Seriously concerned that the armed conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan continues to endanger international peace and security, and mindful of its adverse implications for the humanitarian situation and development of the countries of the South Caucasus,

1. *Reaffirms* continued respect and support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan within its internationally recognized borders;

2. *Demands* the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from all the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

3. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the population expelled from the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan to return to their homes, and stresses the necessity of creating appropriate conditions for this return, including the comprehensive rehabilitation of the conflict-affected territories;

4. *Recognizes* the necessity of providing normal, secure and equal conditions of life for Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which will allow an effective democratic system of self-governance to be built up in this region within the Republic of Azerbaijan;

5. *Reaffirms* that no State shall recognize as lawful the situation resulting from the occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, nor render aid or assistance in maintaining this situation;

6. *Expresses its support* to the international mediation efforts, in particular those of the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, aimed at peaceful settlement of the conflict in accordance with the norms and principles of international law, and recognizes the necessity of intensifying these efforts with a view to achieving a lasting and durable peace in compliance with the provisions stipulated above;

7. *Calls upon* Member States and international and regional organizations and arrangements to effectively contribute, within their competence, to the process of settlement of the conflict;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan".

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[3] See A/59/747-S/2005/187.

[4] A/61/696, annex.

RESOLUTION 62/244

Adopted at the 87th plenary meeting, on 31 March 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.43 and Add.1, sponsored by: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Niger, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

62/244. Improving global road safety

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/309 of 22 May 2003, 58/9 of 5 November 2003, 58/289 of 14 April 2004 and 60/5 of 26 October 2005 on improving global road safety,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on improving global road safety,[5]

Noting with appreciation the adoption on 23 May 2007 of World Health Assembly resolution 60.22 on emergency care systems,[6]

Underlining the importance for Member States to continue using the *World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention* as a framework for road safety efforts and implementing its recommendations by paying particular attention to five of the main risk factors identified, namely, the non-use of safety belts and child restraints, the non-use of helmets, drinking and driving, inappropriate and excessive speed and the lack of appropriate infrastructure, and by paying particular attention also to the needs of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, and users of public transport, and improving post-crash care for victims of road crashes,

Commending the World Health Organization for its role in implementing the mandate conferred upon it by the General Assembly to work with the United Nations regional commissions to coordinate road safety issues within the United Nations system, and the progress of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration as a coordination mechanism whose members are providing Governments and civil society with good-practice guidelines to support action to tackle the major road safety risk factors,

Recognizing the work of the United Nations regional commissions and their subsidiary bodies in increasing their road safety activities and advocating for increased political commitment to road safety, and in this context also recognizing the continuing commitment of the Economic Commission for Europe to global action in the elaboration of safety-related global technical vehicle regulations and amendments to the Convention on Road Traffic[7] and the Convention on Road Signs and Signals,[8] resolution 63/9 of 23 May 2007 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,[9] in which the Commission encouraged members to continue to act upon recommendations contained in the Ministerial Declaration on Improving Road Safety in Asia and the Pacific,[10] the Accra Declaration of African Ministers responsible for transport and health of 8 February 2007, the Declaration of San José on road safety of 14 September 2006 and resolution 279 (XXIV) of 11 May 2006 of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on follow-up to implementation of components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq, including follow-up on road safety,[11]

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[5] A/62/257.

[6] See World Health Organization, *Sixtieth World Health Assembly, Geneva, 14–23 May 2007, Resolutions and Decisions, Annexes* (WHA60/2007/REC/1).

[7] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1042, No. 15705.

[8] Ibid., vol. 1091, No. 16743.

[9] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 19* (E/2007/39), chap. IV, sect. A.

Commending the World Bank for its initiative in establishing the Global Road Safety Facility, the first funding mechanism designed to support capacity-building and provide technical support for road safety at the global, regional and country levels, welcoming the financial assistance given to the Facility by the Governments of Australia, the Netherlands and Sweden, and by the FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society, and encouraging more financial contributions to the Facility,

Commending also the World Health Organization and the United Nations regional commissions for organizing, in collaboration with the other members of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, the first United Nations Global Road Safety Week in April 2007, during which hundreds of events were held all over the world, including the World Youth Assembly for Road Safety and the second Stakeholders' Forum for Global Road Safety, in Geneva, which helped to draw attention to the fact that road traffic crashes have become the leading cause of death among young people aged between 10 and 24,

Taking note of all national and regional initiatives to improve awareness of road safety issues, including the second European Road Safety Day, to be observed on 13 October 2008,

Taking note also of the report of the Commission for Global Road Safety, *Make Roads Safe: A New Priority for Sustainable Development*, which links road safety with sustainable development and which calls for increased resources for road safety, a new commitment for road infrastructure assessment and a global ministerial conference on road safety under the auspices of the United Nations,

Expressing its concern at the continued increase in road traffic fatalities and injuries worldwide, in particular in developing countries,

Reaffirming the need for the further strengthening of international cooperation and knowledge-sharing in road safety, taking into account the needs of developing countries,

1. *Invites* Member States to actively participate in the development of the global road safety status report being prepared by the World Health Organization;

2. *Invites* all Member States to participate in the projects to be implemented by the United Nations regional commissions to assist low- and middle-income countries in setting their own national road traffic casualty reduction targets, as well as regional targets;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance of addressing global road safety issues and the need for the further strengthening of international cooperation, taking into account the needs of developing countries by building capacities in the field of road safety and providing financial and technical support for their efforts;

4. *Encourages* Member States to continue to strengthen their commitment to road safety, including by observing the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on the third Sunday of November every year;

5. *Invites* the World Health Organization and the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with other partners in the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, to promote

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[10] E/ESCAP/63/13, chap. IV.

[11] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 21* (E/2006/41), chap. I.

multisectoral collaboration by organizing, when appropriate, United Nations Global Road Safety Weeks, including Stakeholders' Forums for Global Road Safety;

6. *Encourages* organizations in both the private and the public sector with vehicle fleets, including agencies of the United Nations system, to develop and implement policies and practices that will reduce crash risks for vehicle occupants and other road users;

7. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of the Russian Federation to host and provide the necessary financial support for the first global high-level (ministerial) conference on road safety, to be held in 2009, to bring together delegations of ministers and representatives dealing with transport, health, education, safety and related traffic law enforcement issues, to discuss progress in implementing the recommendations of the *World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention* and the General Assembly resolutions on improving global road safety, and provide an opportunity for Member States to exchange information and best practices;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Global road safety crisis", and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at that session on the progress made in improving global road safety.

RESOLUTION 62/249

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 15 May 2008, by a recorded vote of 14 to 11, with 105 abstentions,** on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.45, sponsored by Georgia

** *In favour:* Albania, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, United States of America

Against: Armenia, Belarus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Myanmar, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining: Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

62/249. Status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons, including its resolution 62/153 of 18 December 2007,

Recognizing the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement[12] as an important international framework for the protection of internally displaced persons,

Deeply concerned about violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in Abkhazia, Georgia, particularly ethnicity-based violence,

Recalling all relevant Security Council resolutions, and noting the conclusions of the Budapest (1994), Lisbon (1996) and Istanbul (1999) summits of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in particular the reports of "ethnic cleansing" and other serious violations of international humanitarian law in Abkhazia, Georgia,

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[12] E/CN.4/1998/53/Add.2, annex.

Deploring practices of arbitrary forced displacement and their negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by large groups of people, and deeply concerned by the humanitarian situation created by the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of persons from Abkhazia, Georgia,

Deeply concerned by the demographic changes resulting from the conflict in Abkhazia, Georgia, and regretting any attempt to alter the pre-conflict demographic composition in Abkhazia, Georgia,

Emphasizing that the rights of the Abkhaz population living in Abkhazia, Georgia, have to be protected and guaranteed,

1. *Recognizes* the right of return of all refugees and internally displaced persons and their descendants, regardless of ethnicity, to Abkhazia, Georgia;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of preserving the property rights of refugees and internally displaced persons from Abkhazia, Georgia, including victims of reported "ethnic cleansing", and calls upon all Member States to deter persons under their jurisdiction from obtaining property within the territory of Abkhazia, Georgia, in violation of the rights of returnees;

3. *Underlines* the urgent need for the rapid development of a timetable to ensure the prompt voluntary return of all refugees and internally displaced persons to their homes in Abkhazia, Georgia;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development".

RESOLUTION 62/270

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, by a recorded vote of 86 to 2, with 55 abstentions,* on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.25/Rev.2 and Add.1, sponsored by: Belarus, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

* *In favour:* Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Canada, United States of America

Abstaining: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

62/270. Global Forum on Migration and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the 2005 World Summit Outcome acknowledged the important nexus between international migration and development and the need to deal with the challenges and opportunities that migration presents and reaffirmed the resolve to take measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and members of their families,[13]

Considering that the summary of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York on 14 and 15 September 2006, as contained in a note by the President of the General Assembly,[14] underlined the close link between migration, development and human rights, as well as the fact that respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants was essential for taking advantage of the positive aspects of international migration,

Recalling its resolutions 61/208 of 20 December 2006 on international migration and development and 62/156 of 18 December 2007 on the protection of migrants,

Stressing the need to promote a comprehensive and coherent discussion on all aspects of the phenomenon of migration, taking into account its importance on the global agenda,

Recognizing the need for Member States to consider the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development, in order to identify appropriate ways and means of dealing with the challenges and opportunities that international migration presents,

Recalling the important contribution provided by migrants and migration to development, as well as the interrelationship between migration and development, and the importance of including the perspective of the human rights of migrants as a priority matter in relevant debates and discussions that are held in the United Nations system,

Considering that the report of the Secretary-General of 18 May 2006 on international migration and development, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 59/241 of 22 December 2004 and 60/227 of 23 December 2005, highlighted the fact that, within the United Nations system, there is no entity mandated to systematically address all matters related to international migration,[15]

Recalling that Member States participating in the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development expressed interest in continuing the dialogue on migration and development, and that there was widespread support for the proposal of the Secretary-General to create a global forum to address, in depth and in a systematic manner, all topics related to international migration and development,

Taking note of the summary report of the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, held in Brussels from 9 to 11 July 2007 under the auspices of the Government of Belgium,[16] and the generous offer of the Government of the Philippines to host the second meeting, from 27 to 30 October 2008, in Manila,

Noting with appreciation that the convening of the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development has already resulted in the establishment of official focal points on migration and development at the national level,

Recognizing that the Global Forum on Migration and Development currently functions under the Guiding Principles of the Forum of 2007 and as a State-led initiative, and that it should be strengthened with the aim of addressing the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development with a comprehensive approach,

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[13] See resolution 60/1, paras. 61 and 62.

[14] A/61/515.

[15] See A/60/871.

[16] A/C.2/62/2, annex.

1. *Recognizes* that exchanges of information and expertise, consultation and closer cooperation between the Global Forum on Migration and Development and the United Nations could have a positive impact, and in this regard:

(*a*) Welcomes the transmission to the Secretary-General by the Government of Belgium of the summary report of the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, circulated as a document of the General Assembly,[16] and invites organizers of subsequent meetings of the Forum to continue this practice;

(*b*) Requests the Secretary-General to include in his report called for in resolution 61/208 an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on migration and development and to make it available to the Global Forum on Migration and Development, at its second meeting, in 2008;

(*c*) Encourages Member States to participate actively in, and the organizations that are members of the Global Migration Group, within their respective areas of expertise, to contribute and to provide technical support to, the Global Forum on Migration and Development;

(*d*) Notes that the Global Forum on Migration and Development, through its Steering Group, maintains links with the Secretary-General, notably through his Special Representative on International Migration and Development;

2. *Takes note with interest* of the agenda prepared for the discussions of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, and the title of the second meeting of the Global Forum, "Protecting and empowering migrants for development", and particularly welcomes the inclusion of the topic of the human rights of migrants;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

RESOLUTION 62/271

Adopted at the 115th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.46 and Add.1, sponsored by: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lithuania, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia

62/271. Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 60/9 of 3 November 2005 and 61/10 of 3 November 2006, in which it underlines the importance of sport as a means to encourage, enhance and promote peace, dialogue and understanding between peoples and civilizations,

Recalling also its resolution 62/4 of 31 October 2007, in which it urges Member States to observe, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Olympic Truce, individually or collectively, during the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General which details the actions carried out by States Members of the United Nations, United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and other partners, using sport as a tool for development and peace,[17]

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[17] See A/62/325 and Corr.1.

Welcoming the decision of the Secretary-General to renew the mandate of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace,

Also welcoming the decision of the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for the effective functioning of the Office of Sport for Development and Peace,

Further welcoming the decision of the Secretary-General to establish a Trust Fund for Sport for Development and Peace,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session on progress at the national, regional and international levels to encourage policies and best practices on sport for development and peace;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Sport for peace and development".

RESOLUTION 62/272

Adopted at the 120th plenary meeting, on 5 September 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.48, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

62/272. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, contained in General Assembly resolution 60/288 of 8 September 2006, which called for, inter alia, an examination in two years of progress made in the implementation of the Strategy and for consideration to be given to updating it to respond to changes, as provided for in paragraph 3 (*b*) of that resolution,

Recalling the pivotal role of the General Assembly in following up the implementation and the updating of the Strategy,

Renewing its unwavering commitment to strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Recognizing that international cooperation and any measures undertaken by Member States to prevent and combat terrorism must fully comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and relevant international conventions and protocols, in particular human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law,

Convinced that the General Assembly is the competent organ with universal membership to address the issue of international terrorism,

Mindful of the need to enhance the role of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, within their mandates, in the implementation of the Strategy,

Stressing that the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force shall carry out its activities within the framework of its mandate, with policy guidance offered by Member States through interaction with the General Assembly on a regular basis,

Recognizing the importance of institutionalizing the Task Force within the Secretariat,

1. *Reiterates its strong condemnation* of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, as it constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security;

2. *Reaffirms* the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its four pillars, which constitute an ongoing effort, and calls upon Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to step up their efforts to implement the Strategy in an integrated manner and in all its aspects;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: activities of the United Nations system in implementing the Strategy";[18]

4. *Also takes note* of the measures that Member States as well as appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations have adopted within the framework of the Strategy, as presented at the first biennial review of the Strategy, on 4 and 5 September 2008, all of which strengthen cooperation to fight terrorism, in particular through the exchange of best practices;

5. *Reaffirms* the primary responsibility of Member States to implement the Strategy while further recognizing the need to enhance the important role the United Nations plays, in coordination with other international, regional and subregional organizations, as appropriate, in facilitating coherence in the implementation of the Strategy at the national, regional and global levels and in providing assistance, especially in the area of capacity-building;

6. *Encourages* non-governmental organizations and civil society to engage, as appropriate, on how to enhance efforts to implement the Strategy, including through interaction with Member States and the United Nations system;

7. *Calls upon* the United Nations entities involved in supporting counter-terrorism efforts to continue to facilitate the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;

8. *Calls upon* States that have not done so to consider becoming parties in a timely manner to the existing international conventions and protocols against terrorism, and upon all States to make every effort to conclude a comprehensive convention on international terrorism, and recalls the commitments of Member States with regard to the implementation of General Assembly and Security Council resolutions relating to international terrorism;

9. *Notes with appreciation* the continued contribution of United Nations entities and subsidiary bodies of the Security Council to the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force;

10. *Reaffirms* the need to enhance international cooperation in countering terrorism, and in this regard recalls the role of the United Nations system in promoting international cooperation and capacity-building as one of the elements of the Strategy;

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to carry out the institutionalization of the Task Force, in accordance with resolution 60/288, in order to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system;

12. *Decides* to interact with the Task Force on a regular basis, in order to receive briefings and reports on its current and future work, assess the work being undertaken on the Strategy implementation efforts, including the work of the Task Force, and to offer policy guidance;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session a report on progress made in the implementation of the Strategy, which could contain suggestions for its future implementation by the United Nations system, as well as in the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy" in order to undertake in two years an examination of the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 13 above, as well as the implementation of the Strategy on the part of Member States and to consider updating the Strategy to respond to changes.

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[18] A/62/898.

RESOLUTION 62/274

Adopted at the 121st plenary meeting, on 11 September 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.41/Rev.1 and Add.1, sponsored by: Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Germany, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Moldova, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen

62/274. Strengthening transparency in industries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[19]

Reaffirming the Accra Accord, the outcome of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Accra from 20 to 25 April 2008,[20]

Recalling the United Nations Convention against Corruption,[21] which reaffirms that corruption is no longer a local matter but a transnational phenomenon that affects all societies and economies, making international cooperation to prevent and control it essential,

Also recalling its resolution 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, in which it declared that the right of peoples and nations to permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources must be exercised in the interest of their national development and of the well-being of the people of the State concerned,

Reaffirming that every State has and shall freely exercise full permanent sovereignty over all its wealth, natural resources and economic activities,

Taking note of all relevant voluntary initiatives, including the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, aimed at improving transparency in the extractive industries,

Convinced that rule-based and predictable trade and financial systems are essential to promote transparency in trade and financial industries and combat corruption in commercial and financial transactions in all countries,

1. *Emphasizes* that transparency and accountability are objectives that should be embraced and promoted by all Member States, regardless of their size, level of development or resource endowment;

2. *Reaffirms*, as stated in the United Nations Convention against Corruption,[21] the need to combat corruption and enhance transparency, in accordance with the fundamental principles of domestic law, and to take such measures as may be necessary to enhance transparency in public administration, including with regard to organization, functioning and decision-making processes, where appropriate;

3. *Encourages* the international community to strengthen, as appropriate, upon request, the capacity of States endowed with natural resources, especially those emerging from conflict situations, to negotiate mutually satisfactory, transparent and equitable contractual terms for the use, extraction and processing of their natural resources;

4. *Notes* the efforts of countries that are participating in all relevant voluntary initiatives to improve transparency and accountability in industries, including in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in the extractive sector, and to share their experience with interested Member States;

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[19] See resolution 60/1.

[20] TD/442 and Corr.1, sect. II.

[21] Resolution 58/4, annex.

5. *Reaffirms its commitment* to governance, equity and transparency in the financial, monetary and trading systems, as well as its commitment to open, equitable, rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory multilateral trading and financial systems;

6. *Encourages* business and industry, in particular transnational corporations, to establish worldwide corporate policies on sustainable development, arrange for environmentally sound technologies to be available to affiliates owned substantially by their parent company in developing countries without extra external charges and to modify procedures in order to reflect local ecological conditions and share experiences with local authorities, national Governments and international organizations;

7. *Urges* the private sector, including corporations engaged in the extractive industries, to ensure transparency and verifiable processes, while adhering to and promoting the principles of honesty, transparency and accountability in order to maximize the contribution of the private sector to the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development.

RESOLUTION 62/275

Adopted at the 121st plenary meeting, on 11 September 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.47 and Add.1, sponsored by: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

62/275. Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa[22] and its resolutions 53/92 of 7 December 1998, 54/234 of 22 December 1999, 55/217 of 21 December 2000, 56/37 of 4 December 2001, 57/296 of 20 December 2002, 57/337 of 3 July 2003, 58/235 of 23 December 2003, 59/255 of 23 December 2004, 60/223 of 23 December 2005 and 61/230 of 22 December 2006, as well as its resolutions 62/179 of 19 December 2007 on the New Partnership for Africa's Development and 59/213 of 20 December 2004 on cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union,

Recalling also, in this context, Security Council resolutions 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa, 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 and 1820 (2008) of 19 June 2008 on women and peace and security, 1366 (2001) of 30 August 2001 on the role of the Council in the prevention of armed conflicts, 1612 (2005) of 26 July 2005 on children and armed conflict, 1625 (2005) of 14 September 2005 on strengthening the effectiveness of the Council's role in conflict prevention, particularly in Africa, and 1631 (2005) of 17 October 2005 on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security,

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[23] through which world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the special needs of Africa,

Recognizing that development, peace, security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

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[22] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 45* (A/56/45).

[23] See resolution 60/1.

Recalling the creation by the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, of ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict,

Stressing that the responsibility for peace and security in Africa, including the capacity to address the root causes of conflict and to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner, lies primarily with African countries, while recognizing the need for support from the international community,

Recognizing, in particular, the importance of strengthening the capacity of the African Union and subregional organizations to address the causes of conflict in Africa,

Noting that despite the positive trends and advances in obtaining durable peace in Africa, the conditions required for sustainable development have yet to be consolidated throughout the continent and that there is therefore an urgent need to develop African human and institutional capacities, particularly in countries emerging from conflict,

Noting also that conflict prevention and the consolidation of peace would benefit from the coordinated, sustained and integrated efforts of the United Nations system and Member States, and regional and subregional organizations, as well as international and regional financial institutions,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the synergy between Africa's economic and social development programmes and its peace and security agenda,

Reaffirming also the importance of the Peacebuilding Commission as a dedicated mechanism to address, in an integrated manner, the special needs of countries emerging from conflict towards recovery, reintegration and reconstruction and to assist them in laying the foundation for peace and sustainable development,

Underlining the need to address the negative implications of the illegal exploitation of natural resources in all its aspects for peace, security and development in Africa, and underlining also the fact that the illicit trade in natural resources is a matter of serious international concern, which can be directly linked to the fuelling of armed conflicts and the illicit trade in and proliferation of arms, especially small arms and light weapons,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General[24] on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his report on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[25] and welcomes recent institutional developments in addressing such causes and other efforts in conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding undertaken by African countries, African regional organizations and the United Nations system;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made, in particular by the African Union and the subregional organizations, in the prevention, management and resolution of conflict and in post-conflict peacebuilding in a number of African countries, and calls for intensified efforts and a coordinated approach between national Governments, the African Union, subregional organizations, the United Nations system and partners with a view to achieving further progress towards the goal of a conflict-free Africa;

3. *Recognizes* that international and regional efforts to prevent conflict and consolidate peace in Africa should be channelled towards the sustainable development of Africa and human and institutional capacity-building of African countries and organizations, particularly in priority areas identified at the continental level;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations system to continue to mainstream the special needs of Africa in all its normative and operational activities;

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[24] A/62/204.

[25] A/52/871-S/1998/318.

5. *Welcomes* efforts to enhance practical cooperation, within the framework of an effective partnership, between the United Nations and the African Union in the realm of conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, peacemaking, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding in Africa, and in this context urges the United Nations system and the international community to increase, coordinate and sustain their efforts aimed at assisting African countries in addressing the full range of causes of conflict in Africa;

6. *Recalls* the signing of the declaration on enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union, in Addis Ababa, on 16 November 2006,[26] and the ongoing efforts in this regard, and underlines the importance of the implementation of the ten-year capacity-building programme for the African Union, mainly focusing on peace and security, in particular the operationalization of the African Standby Force, urges all stakeholders to support the full implementation of the ten-year programme for the African Union, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his 1998 report,[25] a detailed account of the progress achieved in this regard;

7. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the African Union and the subregional organizations to strengthen their peacekeeping capacity and to take the lead in peacekeeping operations in the continent, in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and in close coordination with the United Nations, through the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, as well as ongoing efforts to develop a continental early warning system, response capacity, such as the African Standby Force, and enhanced mediation capacity, including through the Panel of the Wise;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the establishment of the multidisciplinary African Union Peacekeeping Support Team within the Department for Peacekeeping Operations at the Secretariat, and reaffirms the need for the United Nations and other development partners to increase their support for the African Union, including through existing forums for cooperation with Africa, in order to enhance its capacity and effectiveness in the planning, deployment and management of peacekeeping operations, including in the advanced training of African peacekeepers, and in peacebuilding activities, and encourages the donor community to provide further support to the African Union, including through the replenishment of its Peace Fund;

9. *Calls for* a holistic and coordinated approach at the national, subregional, regional and international levels to improve the effectiveness of mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, peacemaking, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding efforts in Africa, and reaffirms the need for observing such an approach in the design and implementation of all programmes within the context of the ten-year capacity-building programme;

10. *Stresses* the critical importance of a regional approach to conflict prevention, in particular with respect to cross-border issues such as disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes, the prevention of illegal exploitation of natural resources and trafficking in high-value commodities and the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, and in this regard emphasizes the central role of the African Union and the subregional organizations in addressing such issues;

11. *Reaffirms its commitment* to address the special needs of Africa, where some progress can be noted but where some countries remain off track in meeting the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, in order to enable it to enter the mainstream of the world economy, and to strengthen cooperation with the New Partnership for Africa's Development[27] by providing coherent support for the programmes drawn up by African leaders within that framework, including by mobilizing internal and external financial resources and facilitating approval of such programmes by the multilateral financial institutions;

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[26] A/61/630, annex.

[27] A/57/304, annex.

12. *Welcomes* the adoption of Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) on peace and security in Africa;

13. *Notes with concern* that violence against women and children everywhere continues and often increases, even as armed conflicts draw to an end, urges further progress in the implementation of policies and guidelines relating to the protection of and assistance to women and children in conflict and post-conflict situations, and notes the adoption of Security Council resolution 1820 (2008) on women and peace and security;

14. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and Member States to support the African Union in its effort to effectively integrate training in international humanitarian law and international human rights law, with particular emphasis on the rights of women and children, in the training of civilian and military personnel of national standby contingents at both the operational and tactical levels, as set out in article 13 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;[28]

15. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the African Union to ensure protection of the rights of women in conflict and post-conflict situations, recalls, in this regard, the adoption of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa[28] and the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa[28] by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union at their second and third ordinary sessions, held in Maputo in July 2003 and Addis Ababa in July 2004, and their entry into force, stresses the significance of those instruments for all countries in Africa in strengthening the role of women in peace and conflict prevention in the continent, and strongly urges the United Nations and all parties to redouble their efforts and support in this regard;

16. *Calls for* the enhancement of the role of women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict peacebuilding consistent with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000);

17. *Notes with concern* the tragic plight of children in conflict situations in Africa, in particular the phenomenon of child soldiers, as well as other grave violations against children, and stresses the need for the protection of children in armed conflicts, post-conflict counselling, rehabilitation and education, with due regard to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

18. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the expert group meeting on "Youth in Africa: participation of youth as partners in peace and development in post-conflict countries", held in Namibia in November 2006,[29] and calls upon the United Nations system and Member States to adopt strategies to include youth as central stakeholders and key actors in the rehabilitation, reconciliation and rebuilding of war-torn communities and in contributing to sustainable development in their countries;

19. *Recognizes* the important role of the good offices of the Secretary-General in Africa, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to use mediation as often as possible to help to solve conflicts peacefully, taking due consideration of the work performed by the African Union and the subregional organizations in that regard;

20. *Notes* the efforts of the Mediation Support Unit, newly established in the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, in particular the establishment of a standby team of mediation experts who will be on call to assist in peacemaking efforts around the world;

21. *Invites* the United Nations and the donor community to increase efforts to support ongoing regional efforts to build African mediation and negotiation capacity;

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[28] Available from www.africa-union.org.

[29] Available from www.un.org/africa/osaa/reports.html.

22. *Welcomes* African-led initiatives to strengthen political, economic and corporate governance, such as the African Peer Review Mechanism, encourages even more African countries to join this process, and calls upon the United Nations system and Member States to assist African Member States and regional and subregional organizations in their efforts to enhance good governance, including the promotion of the rule of law and the holding of free and fair elections;

23. *Recognizes* the role of the Peacebuilding Commission in ensuring that national ownership of the peacebuilding process in countries emerging from conflict is observed and that nationally identified priorities are at the core of international and regional efforts in post-conflict peacebuilding in the countries under consideration, notes the important steps taken by the Commission in engaging with Sierra Leone, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau and the Central African Republic through integrated peacebuilding strategies, calls for sustained regional and international commitment to the implementation of these strategies and their design process, recalls the adoption of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework[30] and the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding for Burundi,[31] and calls for their implementation;

24. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and invites Member States to assist African countries emerging from conflict in their efforts to build national capacities of governance, including the rehabilitation of the security sector, disarmament, demobilization and the reintegration of ex-combatants, provision for the safe return of internally displaced persons and refugees, the launch of income-generation activities, particularly for youth and women, and the delivery of basic public services;

25. *Stresses* the importance of effectively addressing challenges that continue to hamper the achievement of peace, stability and sustainable development on the continent, inter alia, the increased prevalence of infectious disease such as HIV/AIDS, the effects of global warming and climate change, the extremely high rates of youth unemployment, human trafficking, massive displacements of people, the illegal exploitation of natural resources, the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, the emergence of terrorist networks and the increased activity of transnational organized crime, and in this regard encourages the United Nations system and Member States to assist African countries to effectively address these challenges;

26. *Also stresses* the importance of creating an environment conducive to national reconciliation and social and economic recovery in countries emerging from conflict;

27. *Encourages* African Governments to establish appropriate structures and policies to create an environment conducive to attracting direct foreign investment, calls upon African Member States and regional and subregional organizations to assist African countries emerging from conflict in devising national natural resources and public revenue management structures, and invites the international community to assist in that process by providing adequate financial and technical assistance, as well as by renewing its commitment to efforts aimed at combating the illegal exploitation of the natural resources of those countries;

28. *Welcomes* the various important initiatives of Africa's development partners in recent years, inter alia, the Africa Partnership Forum, the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership, the China-Africa Partnership, the European Union-Africa Strategic Partnership, the Group of Eight-Africa Partnership, the Millennium Challenge Account, the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief of the President of the United States of America and the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, and emphasizes, in this regard, the importance of coordination in such initiatives on Africa and the need for their effective implementation;

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[30] PBC/2/SLE/1.

[31] PBC/1/BDI/4, annex.

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the need to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the outcome of the review of his 1998 report;

30. *Decides* to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the 1998 report of the Secretary-General;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

RESOLUTION 62/276

Adopted at the 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, without a vote, on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (A/62/952)

62/276. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 of 29 July 1994, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006 and 61/292 of 2 August 2007,

Stressing the importance of implementing resolutions on the revitalization of its work,

Recognizing the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly established by resolution 61/292;[32]

2. *Decides* to establish, at its sixty-third session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(*a*) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions;

(*b*) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-third session.

RESOLUTION 62/277

Adopted at the 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.51, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

62/277. System-wide coherence

The General Assembly,

Recalling the consensus 2005 World Summit Outcome,[33]

Recalling also its consensus resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review,

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[32] A/62/952.

[33] See resolution 60/1.

Commending the pragmatic, transparent, balanced and inclusive approach taken by the Co-Chairs of the consultative follow-up process by the General Assembly on system-wide coherence, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, to their work on behalf of the Assembly, which built upon the efforts of their distinguished predecessors, the Permanent Representatives of Barbados and Luxembourg to the United Nations, at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly,

Having considered the paper on "Institutional options to strengthen United Nations work on gender equality and the empowerment of women", which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July 2008 in response to a consensus request from Member States,

Looking forward to the independent evaluation foreseen in its resolution 62/208, which will help it to form a comprehensive view of the "Delivering as one" approach to the provision of development assistance through the United Nations system and, in the meantime, acknowledging the interim assessment of progress made and challenges remaining in this regard, as contained in the "Maputo Declaration",[34] issued in May 2008 by a number of least developed and middle income countries which have voluntarily embraced this approach,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence[35] and the report of the Secretary-General containing his comments thereon;[36]

2. *Welcomes* the report presented by the Co-Chairs of the consultative follow-up process by the General Assembly on system-wide coherence, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, to the President of the General Assembly on 21 July 2008,[37] the conclusions and recommendations of which are contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides*, accordingly, that the continuing and deepening intergovernmental work of the General Assembly on system-wide coherence will focus exclusively and in an integrated manner on "Delivering as one" at country and regional levels, harmonization of business practices, funding, governance, and gender equality and the empowerment of women;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, drawing on the resources and expertise of the United Nations system and building on the outcome of its triennial comprehensive policy review, to provide to Member States substantive papers on the issues of funding and governance, as those issues arise in the context of system-wide coherence, with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the sixty-third session;

5. *Welcomes*, in this overall context, the paper on "Institutional options to strengthen United Nations work on gender equality and the empowerment of women", which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July 2008, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a further, detailed modalities paper in respect of the options set out in the Deputy Secretary-General's paper, covering funding, governance structure, staffing, specific functions, relationship with the Commission on the Status of Women and other relevant bodies and, having regard to the totality of views expressed by Member States in informal plenary consultations on 8 September 2008, focusing in particular on the "composite entity" option with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the sixty-third session;

6. *Resolves*, at the conclusion of its entire process on system-wide coherence, to review and take stock of all of its prior actions and deliberations in a single resolution or decision.

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[34] See A/63/85-E/2008/83.

[35] See A/61/583.

[36] A/61/836.

[37] See A/63/362.

Annex

Conclusions and recommendations of the Co-Chairs of the consultative follow-up process by the General Assembly on system-wide coherence, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations

1. As the Co-Chairs for system-wide coherence at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly we have sought to conduct an open, transparent, balanced and inclusive process of consultations among the entire membership. Our aim has been to present a report that, by and large, will sit well with all parts of the Assembly in that all groupings of States should be able to feel that the report addresses seriously many of their principal priorities and concerns. In this way we have sought to facilitate a balanced and fair compromise outcome to the deliberations of the Assembly during the sixty-second session.

2. The following conclusions and recommendations flow from the present report overall, but are perhaps best seen in tandem with the introductory section. The landmark 2006 report of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence,[35] while a very important contribution to the work of the General Assembly to increase coherence across the United Nations system, did not launch that work. The Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit as well as consensus positions of the Assembly, not least the triennial comprehensive policy reviews, constitute much of the bedrock for building further progress in this area.

3. Since the outset of the sixty-second session, the broad membership has signalled that the continuing efforts on system-wide coherence should focus on four priority areas, namely (*a*) the United Nations delivering as one at the country level with the related aspect of harmonization of business practices; (*b*) funding; (*c*) governance; and (*d*) gender equality and the empowerment of women.

4. The present report should be taken together with the paper on gender (in its institutional dimension) which is being provided by the Secretary-General to Member States in response to their request of 16 June 2008.[38]

5. As for "Delivering as one", we have sought to provide the Member States with an accurate and up-to-date picture of the process as it is actually developing on the ground in upwards of thirty developing countries and not simply as it is perceived from afar. We have been helped in this by our on-the-ground consultations with Heads of State and Government, Cabinet ministers, parliamentarians, United Nations country teams, development partners and others in some eight developing countries. We have also conferred at length with United Nations agency heads in New York, Geneva, Rome, Paris and Vienna. We have taken careful note of the "Maputo Declaration" issued in May 2008 by pilot and other developing countries, in which they formally request the Assembly to encourage them in the "Delivering as one" approach that they have voluntarily embraced in partnership with the United Nations system.

6. Our conclusion is that the experience of "Delivering as one" to date (that is to say, halfway through its second year) at the country level is clearly and preponderantly positive, even if a number of challenges remain to be fully addressed in regard to each of the "four ones". We note that this view is shared by the large and growing number of developing countries which are applying the "Delivering as one" approach and proactively moving towards implementing the consensus resolution on the triennial comprehensive policy review. They state that important principles are in fact being observed in practice, including national ownership and leadership and "no one size fits all". Through the "Delivering as one" approach United Nations country team activities are being aligned to an unprecedented degree with the national development strategies and policies of the developing countries concerned. Assistance is being delivered with greater effectiveness, savings are being realized and greater reductions in transaction costs are clearly in prospect.

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[38] The paper, entitled "Institutional options to strengthen United Nations work on gender equality and the empowerment of women", was provided on 23 July 2008.

7. At the same time the picture that emerges at present is interim in nature since the independent evaluation of "Delivering as one", as foreseen by the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review, will come only towards the end of 2009 and, in any event, concrete development outputs arising from a new way of doing business take longer than eighteen months to emerge definitively.

8. It seems to us clear that the Assembly ought to be in a position during the sixty-second session to give a positive political impetus to "Delivering as one", thereby giving encouragement to those many developing countries which have voluntarily embraced this approach, and to enjoin the United Nations development system to continue to pursue it. Moving forward, it will be essential to safeguard the principles underlying "Delivering as one", in particular that of enhancing national ownership and leadership in the design and implementation of United Nations development system support programmes at the country level. The international community should by the same token be encouraged to continue to respond positively through additional commitments where the combination of strong national leadership and an empowered United Nations country team, delivering as one, together generate a better-aligned and more effective United Nations programme of support.

9. For the most part, the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the system, at the leadership level, have gradually become increasingly engaged with and supportive of the "Delivering as one" approach. The atmosphere in which they collaborate within the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General has been transformed for the better as they and their collaborators continue consideration of the implications of the "four ones" (one programme, one budgetary framework and fund, one leader and one office) at the country level. At the same time, it is to be recommended that headquarters levels across the system empower the respective country-level agency representatives with much greater latitude, flexibility and encouragement to advance a more coherent and therefore more effective delivery of United Nations system assistance on the ground in line with the "Delivering as one" approach.

10. In all of this, the particular situations affecting middle-income countries should receive adequate attention.

11. Turning to the issue of funding in the context of system-wide coherence, there clearly need to be greater flows of and greater predictability in funding. In general, overall commitments made solemnly and repeatedly need to be implemented more faithfully. Commendation is due to those development partners which have made concrete contributions to advancing the "Delivering as one" approach at the country level in response to the strategies, priorities, policies and plans of the developing countries concerned. At the same time, support for "Delivering as one" at the country level must not be at the expense of core funding to agencies through their headquarters. Overall, there needs to be a significantly improved balance between core and non-core funding. Funds, programmes and specialized agencies should be invited, if necessary through changes in statute, rules and/or regulations, to give effect to the consensus view in the General Assembly that savings realized at the country level ought to be ploughed back into programmatic development work in the countries where the savings are realized. In this and in other ways, "Delivering as one" must deliver more.

12. As for intergovernmental governance at the central level, we have detected no palpable appetite in the General Assembly for establishing new intergovernmental bodies, including the putative Sustainable Development Board which was recommended by the High-level Panel. At the same time the new realities emerging from a growing number of developing countries applying the "Delivering as one" approach at the country level will need to be accommodated and addressed more effectively by the existing boards and not least by the Economic and Social Council. In the light of the ongoing and emerging nature of the "Delivering as one" approach, it may be necessary to continue and to deepen discussion of these issues during the sixty-third session.

13. If, in that context, the Assembly focuses first on the functions that need to be discharged centrally and intergovernmentally in the "Delivering as one" approach, it will perhaps then be easier to address the question of which institutions, as these continue to adapt, are best placed to discharge the functions in question.

14. We also believe that the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions ought to be consistently encouraged to develop, in a pragmatic manner, a far greater degree of cooperation and collaboration in the context described in the present report. Some progress is already being made. This needs to be developed and enlarged.

15. As for gender equality and the empowerment of women, we recommend that the Assembly be invited to address the matter, including in the light of the Secretary-General's paper on the institutional dimension,[38] in open, informal plenary consultations at an early opportunity, perhaps early in September. During the sixty-second session the Member States have advanced together, by agreement, in their consideration of the issue of gender equality and women's empowerment. With assistance from the Secretary-General, they have identified critical gaps in the way the system assists Member States in implementing globally agreed mandates and their own internationally made commitments in this area. With further open and genuine discussion the Assembly may be in a position, before the conclusion of its sixty-second session, to signal in general terms, but nevertheless clearly, which institutional option or combination of options, perhaps with adjustments, it wishes to pursue. Detailed working through of such an agreed approach could then be taken up and completed at the sixty-third session. We have the very strong impression that no Government, whether for substantive or "tactical" reasons, would wish to stand in the way of a consensus to advance the issue of gender equality and the empowerment of women through a measured but significant step forward.

16. We believe that in the light of the present report and the Secretary-General's options paper on gender equality and the empowerment of women (in its institutional aspect)[38] Member States ought to be equipped for decision-making during the sixty-second session. With these substantive elements in hand, Member States are also better placed to weigh the format of the decision-making of the Assembly.

17. In the first instance, and on the basis of the foregoing report and these conclusions, Member States may, during the sixty-second session, wish to address, perhaps in a package decision, the four core priority areas listed in paragraph 3 above, which they have highlighted throughout.

18. The same decision could signal that henceforth, in the context of intergovernmental discussion on system-wide coherence, the Assembly will focus exclusively on these priority areas and will exclude from this context the issues of environment/environmental governance, humanitarian assistance and human rights, in line with the considerations set out in the present report.

RESOLUTION 62/278

Adopted at the 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/62/L.52, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

62/278. Mandate review

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 163 (*b*) of the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[39] regarding mandate review,

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[39] See resolution 60/1.

Welcoming the last review process, initiated in 2007 by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, in a letter dated 6 November 2007, as well as the previous processes conducted during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions,

Having considered the final report of the Co-Chairs of the mandate review process during the sixty-second session, dated 8 August 2008,

1. *Takes note* of the final report of the Co-Chairs of the mandate review process during the sixty-second session, including on the review of the thematic clusters relating to the effective coordination of humanitarian assistance and the development of Africa;

2. *Recognizes* the usefulness of the existing online mandate registry, and decides to maintain it as an accessible working tool for Member States and to revert to the issue in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

3. *Notes* that one of the important findings of the process is the difficulty of identifying resources associated with one particular mandate, which limited the potential of the review process to fulfil its objective of strengthening and updating the programme of work of the Organization and improving the allocation of resources for the effective implementation of mandates;

4. *Calls upon* its relevant bodies and subsidiary organs, within their respective mandates and in accordance with the established regulations and rules governing programme planning, to continue improving the implementation of mandates and addressing the continuing validity of legislative decisions and the effective coordination among units of the Secretariat and other structures of the United Nations system.

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RESOLUTION 62/273

Adopted at the 121st plenary meeting, on 11 September 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/406/Add.1, para. 7)[1]

62/273. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 61/267 A of 16 May 2007 and 61/267 B and 61/291 of 24 July 2007,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group;[2]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 15 to 199 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

7. *Decides* to include in the draft agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

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[1] The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/62/19).

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RESOLUTION 62/223 B

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/534/Add.1, para. 6)

62/223. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

B[1]

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 58/249 B of 18 June 2004, 59/264 B of 22 June 2005, 60/234 B of 30 June 2006, 61/233 B of 29 June 2007 and 62/223 A of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations peacekeeping operations,[2] the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2007[3] and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2007,[4]

1. *Accepts* the audited financial statements of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[2]

2. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Auditors;[5]

3. *Reiterates* that the issue of outstanding assessed contributions is a policy matter of the General Assembly, and urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Board of Auditors;[3]

5. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the quality of its report and the streamlined format thereof;

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2007;[4]

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, including those relating to the cancellation of unliquidated obligations and the system of assets management, and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to indicate an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors as well as the priorities for

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[1] Resolution 62/223, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/62/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 62/223 A.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5*, vol. II (A/62/5 (Vol. II)).

[3] A/62/823.

[4] A/62/784.

[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5*, vol. II (A/62/5 (Vol. II)), chap. II.

their implementation, including the office-holders to be held accountable and measures taken in that regard;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide, in future reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations, a full explanation for delays in the implementation of all outstanding recommendations of the Board.

RESOLUTION 62/232 B

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/601/Add.1, para. 7)

62/232. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

B[6]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of twelve months as from 31 July 2007,

Recalling also its resolution 62/232 A of 22 December 2007 on the financing of the Operation,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the resolution of the Security Council,

Noting the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts between the African Union and the United Nations at the strategic level, unity of command at the operational level and clear delegation of authority and accountability lines,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur as at 30 May 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 345.1 million United States dollars, representing some 27 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-four Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[6] Resolution 62/232, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/62/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 62/232 A.

[7] A/62/791 and Corr.1 and 2.

[8] A/62/781/Add.14.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include in his future budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets for the Operation contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to its operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

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15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur the amount of 1,569,255,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 1,499,710,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 60,624,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 8,920,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 147,437,934 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of

2,242,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,697,825 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 485,408 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 58,767 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 771,962,266 dollars, comprising the amount of 708,212,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 August to 31 December 2008 at a monthly rate of 141,642,500 dollars and the amount of 63,749,766 dollars for the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 June 2009 at the monthly rate of 5,795,433 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 14,475,050 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,489,125 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 5,339,492 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 646,433 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".

RESOLUTION 62/233 B

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/602/Add.1, para. 8)

62/233. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

B[9]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11]

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[9] Resolution 62/233, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/62/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 62/233 A.

[10] A/62/804.

[11] A/62/781/Add.15.

Recalling Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council approved the establishment in Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with the authorities of Chad and the Central African Republic, of a multidimensional presence and decided that the multidimensional presence should include, for a period of one year, a United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,

Recalling also its resolution 62/233 A of 22 December 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the resolution of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 45 million United States dollars, representing some 25 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11] and encourages the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad and other United Nations missions in the region to continue, where possible, their efforts to achieve greater synergy, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in future budget submissions details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 315,083,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 301,124,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 12,168,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,790,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 73,519,456 dollars for the period from 1 July to 24 September 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 1,742,182 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,436,352 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 272,838 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 32,992 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 241,563,944 dollars for the period from 25 September 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 26,256,950 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 5,724,318 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,719,448 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 896,462 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 108,408 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".

RESOLUTION 62/245

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/563/Add.3, para. 8)

62/245. Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

The General Assembly,

I

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixth session and its fifth special session in 2007[12] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[13]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[12]

2. *Also takes note* of the preliminary estimated requirements of 2,916,000 United States dollars for the biennium 2008–2009;

3. *Further takes note* that the estimated requirements of 2,449,300 dollars have been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 and that the balance of 466,700 dollars is to be considered in the context of a consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[13]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals to improve the procedure for presenting the financial requirements arising from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council for consideration at its sixty-third session;

II

Financing of field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing of field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission[14] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[15]

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[12] A/62/671.

[13] A/62/7/Add.34. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[14] A/62/670.

[15] A/62/7/Add.33. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[14]

2. *Also takes note* of the preliminary estimate of 676,300 dollars for field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission under the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[15]

III

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: additional requirements for special political missions for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008

Recalling section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[16] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[17]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[16]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[17] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to maintain the staffing for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Lord's Resistance Army-affected areas at the level currently funded under the provisions of its resolution 62/239 of 22 December 2007 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2008–2009;

4. *Also decides* to review the staffing and resource allocation for the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Lord's Resistance Army-affected areas at the main part of its sixty-third session in the context of the 2009 budget proposal for special political missions;

5. *Further decides* to redeploy twenty-two positions (Local level) from the Electoral Assistance Office of the United Nations Mission in Nepal according to the needs of the Mission;

6. *Approves* additional budgets for special political missions for 2008 totalling 48,954,400 dollars net (53,571,500 dollars gross);

7. *Takes note* of the balance of 17,322,800 dollars in the overall provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

8. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 31,631,600 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 4,617,100 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009.

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[16] A/62/512/Add.6.

[17] A/62/7/Add.37. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

RESOLUTION 62/246

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/536/Add.1, para. 6)

62/246. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2007 and programme of work for 2008

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007 and 62/226 of 22 December 2007,

Reiterating that the impact of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

Reaffirming the commitment by the Unit, the legislative organs and the secretariats of the participating organizations to implement a system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit, as set out in resolution 54/16,

Reaffirming also the unique role of the Unit as the only system-wide external oversight body,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2007 and programme of work for 2008,[18]

1. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/260 and 62/226;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2007 and programme of work for 2008;[18]

3. *Welcomes* the joint presentation of the annual report and the programme of work of the Unit for consideration at the first part of its resumed session;

4. *Also welcomes* progress in the reform process of the Unit, and encourages further efforts on the part of the participating organizations to consider the recommendations of the Unit;

5. *Commends* the Unit for its internal reform process aimed at improving its efficiency and effectiveness, and invites the Unit to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session on measures the Unit deems necessary to continue to improve its functioning;

6. *Requests* the Unit, in line with its mandate, to continue to focus its work and reports on system-wide issues of interest and relevance to the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations and to provide advice on ways to ensure more efficient and effective use of resources in implementing the mandates of the Organization;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit, in particular to submit their comments and to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to expedite the implementation of the present resolution, including through the expected provision of support to the Unit by the secretariats of

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[18] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 34A* (A/62/34/Add.1).

the participating organizations for the preparation of its reports, notes and confidential letters, and the consideration of and action on the Unit's recommendations in the light of pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis on the results achieved;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit, with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

10. *Reiterates its invitation* to the legislative organs of the participating organizations to take concrete action on the recommendations of the Unit;

11. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts of the Unit to report on the impact of its recommendations, as illustrated in paragraph 49 of its annual report,[18] and in this context requests the Unit to work in coordination with participating organizations to provide in future annual reports the financial implications that have resulted from its recommendations, wherever possible;

12. *Invites* the Unit to report in the context of its annual reports on experience in the implementation of the follow-up system by the participating organizations;

13. *Notes with appreciation* the introduction of a table for system-wide reports entitled "Overview of action to be taken by participating organizations on Joint Inspection Unit recommendations" which identifies those recommendations that are relevant to each organization and which specifies those recommendations that require legislative decisions and those that can be implemented by the executive head of the organization;

14. *Notes with concern* paragraph 39 of the annual report,[18] in which the Unit describes the difficulty it has had in obtaining from some organizations updated information on the status of its recommendations, and in this regard requests the Unit to study the feasibility of using a web-based system to monitor the status of recommendations and receive updates from individual organizations;

15. *Expresses its readiness* to apply the follow-up system to review recommendations of the Unit requiring action by the General Assembly;

16. *Affirms* that oversight is a shared responsibility of Member States, the organizations and the internal and external oversight bodies;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of its resolution 62/224 of 22 December 2007, and encourages the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board, to enhance the dialogue of the Board with the Joint Inspection Unit on coordination issues;

18. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue sharing experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

19. *Takes note with appreciation* of the information contained in paragraph 63 of the annual report,[18] and encourages the Unit to keep the General Assembly informed, if necessary, about any difficulty or delay in obtaining visas for the official travel of the inspectors, as well as members of its secretariat;

20. *Requests* the Unit to provide at its earliest convenience a detailed explanation of the nature and scope of the investigations the Unit envisions conducting.

RESOLUTION 62/247

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/773, para. 6)

62/247. Strengthening investigations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 57/282, section IV, of 20 December 2002, 59/272 of 23 December 2004, 59/287 of 13 April 2005, 61/245 of 22 December 2006, 61/267 B of 24 July 2007, 61/275 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007 and 62/234 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also paragraph 10 of its resolution 59/287,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening investigations,[19] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force for the eighteen-month period ended 30 June 2007,[20] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon[21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[20] and the related note by the Secretary-General;[21]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes in particular* the concern of the Advisory Committee stated in paragraph 5 of its report;

4. *Stresses* that the lack of explicitly written rules and regulations for procedures relating to investigations negatively affects fairness and due process rights;

5. *Expresses concern* that the current investigations manual of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat appears to lack useful and practical information for investigators compared with similar manuals used in other international organizations and that it also appears not to contain sufficient working instructions for conducting investigations;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts being made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services to improve the conduct of its investigations by applying international best practices and ensuring respect for the due process rights of all United Nations staff;

7. *Affirms* that transparent, predictable, accountable and objective operational strategies and investigation procedures contribute to the effective functioning of the system of administration of justice;

8. *Notes with concern* that concerns have been raised regarding due process rights in investigations, stresses that the due process rights afforded to staff in investigations carried out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services have to withstand review by the system of administration of justice, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive approach to fully undertake the Organization's responsibility in ensuring the due process rights of its staff under investigation;

9. *Re-emphasizes* the principle of separation, impartiality and fairness on the part of those with responsibility for investigation functions;

10. *Stresses* that the purpose of the Office of Internal Oversight Services is to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities;

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[19] A/62/582 and Corr.1.

[20] A/62/272.

[21] A/62/272/Add.1.

[22] A/62/7/Add.35. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

11. *Reaffirms* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services is the internal body entrusted with investigation in the United Nations;

12. *Also reaffirms* that trained heads of offices, programme managers and boards of inquiry, as well as the Department of Safety and Security and the Ethics Office, may carry out administrative inquiries and investigations, except in cases of serious misconduct and/or criminal behaviour, in accordance with resolution 59/287;

13. *Takes note* of the development of a comprehensive training module designed to build the capacity of United Nations staff to support administrative inquiries or investigations, as well as of a special training programme for investigating allegations of sexual harassment, by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

14. *Recalls* paragraphs 3, 8 and 10 of its resolution 59/287, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to increase basic investigation training, as appropriate, for the handling of minor forms of misconduct;

15. *Reaffirms* its decision that in cases of serious misconduct and/or criminal behaviour, investigations should be conducted by professional investigators;

16. *Also reaffirms* that any changes that have administrative and financial implications will be submitted by the Secretary-General and will be subject to the review and approval of the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in close cooperation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services, for its consideration at its sixty-third session, a report providing detailed information regarding, inter alia:

(*a*) The status of implementation of its resolution 59/287;

(*b*) Updated and detailed information on all the entities other than the Office of Internal Oversight Services carrying out administrative inquiries and investigations, their legislative basis and precise role, the number and types of cases handled, related resources, reporting mechanisms, standards and guidelines involved and training imparted;

(*c*) The status of work done under general temporary assistance resources equivalent to six positions to establish a training capacity for the Investigations Division to enable programme managers to handle category II cases of misconduct[23] and the assessment of such work and any other related work carried out for the same purpose, as well as the future workplan thereof;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for its consideration and approval, in close cooperation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services, a report providing detailed information on terms of reference with regard to the proposed comprehensive review of investigations in the United Nations before the General Assembly decides on the necessity of such a review, taking into account the role and mandate of the Office of Internal Oversight Services as established in its resolution 48/218 B, the framework for investigation adopted in section IV of its resolution 57/282 and in its resolution 59/287, the reform of the system of administration of justice, the decisions of the Assembly to strengthen the investigation function of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and its decisions on the accountability framework, results-based management, enterprise risk management and the internal control framework;

19. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on practices related to the sharing of information between the Organization and law enforcement authorities of Member States as well as to referrals to such authorities of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission, taking into account its resolution 62/63 of 6 December 2007 and other relevant legal instruments.

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[23] See A/58/708, para. 27.

RESOLUTION 62/248

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/772, para. 6)

62/248. Human resources management

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 61/244 of 22 December 2006, section VIII of its resolution 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and section XXI of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, as well as its other relevant resolutions and decisions,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300- and 100-series appointments,[24] on detailed proposals for streamlining United Nations contractual arrangements[25] and on the harmonization of conditions of service,[26] the addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2006[27] and section II of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[28]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300- and 100-series appointments,[24] on detailed proposals for streamlining United Nations contractual arrangements[25] and on the harmonization of conditions of service;[26]

2. *Decides* to continue consideration of the issue of contractual arrangements and conditions of service, including in United Nations field operations, as a matter of priority at the main part of its sixty-third session, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[28] with a view to the implementation of new arrangements and conditions on 1 July 2009.

RESOLUTION 62/250

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/600/Add.1, para. 13)

62/250. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/245 and 61/246 of 22 December 2006, 61/256 of 15 March 2007 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and its other relevant resolutions,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[29] and on the comprehensive analysis of the Office of Military Affairs of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[30] the preliminary report of the Secretary-

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[24] A/61/732.

[25] A/62/274.

[26] A/61/861.

[27] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 30*, addendum (A/61/30/Add.1).

[28] A/62/7/Add.14. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[29] A/62/766 and Add.1 and A/62/783 and Corr.1.

[30] A/62/752.

General on the status of implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/279 on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations,[31] the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009[32] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[33]

Recognizing the importance of the ability of the United Nations to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[29] and on the comprehensive analysis of the Office of Military Affairs of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[30] the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on the status of implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/279 on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations[31] and the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;[32]

2. *Reaffirms* its role with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, and stresses that proposals that amend the overall departmental structure, as well as the format of the budgets of the Organization and the biennial programme plan, are subject to review and approval by the General Assembly;

3. *Also reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

4. *Further reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

5. *Reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

6. *Emphasizes* that ongoing management reforms must be fully taken into account when presenting additional proposals for reform;

7. *Reaffirms* that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resource requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

8. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

9. *Recalls* the role of the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations;

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[31] A/62/741.

[32] A/62/814 and Add.1.

[33] A/62/855.

10. *Reiterates* that the delegation of authority on the part of the Secretary-General should be in order to facilitate the better management of the Organization, but stresses that the overall responsibility for management of the Organization rests with the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer;

11. *Affirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

12. *Stresses* that heads of departments report to and are accountable to the Secretary-General;

13. *Notes* the unique nature of the reporting line from the head of the Department of Field Support to the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and decides that having one head of department (Department of Field Support) report to and take direction from another head of department (Department of Peacekeeping Operations) shall not set a precedent in the Secretariat;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to address systemic issues that hamper good management of the Organization, including by improving work processes and procedures, and in that context stresses that structural change is no substitute for managerial improvement;

15. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

16. *Recalls its request* to the Secretary-General to specifically define accountability, as well as clear accountability mechanisms, including to the General Assembly, and to propose clear parameters for its application and the instruments for its rigorous enforcement, without exception, at all levels, to ensure effective and efficient operations and management of resources in the Organization;

17. *Emphasizes* the importance of preserving the unity of command in missions at all levels, as well as a coherence in policy and strategy and clear command structures in the field and up to and including Headquarters;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a clear chain of command, accountability, coordination and maintenance of an adequate system of checks and balances;

19. *Emphasizes* the importance of interaction and coordination with troop-contributing countries;

20. *Also emphasizes* the need to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel;

21. *Urges* the Secretary-General, within the framework established in its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997, to define explicitly the role and duties of the Deputy Secretary-General in the reform set out in its resolution 61/279, including in relation to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Management;

22. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238, paragraph 11 of its resolution 56/241 and paragraph 19 of its resolution 61/279, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

23. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General, in employing staff, shall ensure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity as the paramount consideration, with due regard

for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

24. *Reaffirms* paragraph 67 of its resolution 61/279, and requests the Secretary-General to include detailed information on mechanisms in place and measures taken to address the management challenges which the new organizational structure of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Department of Field Support poses, and the improvement that the new structure has brought in ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in the support for peacekeeping operations and special political missions, as well as to coordination with the Department of Political Affairs, in the context of the comprehensive report to be submitted at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session;

25. *Notes with concern* the late submission of the budgets of some peacekeeping operations, which puts considerable strain on the work of the General Assembly and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and, while recognizing the challenges faced in preparing the budget proposals and related reports on peacekeeping and special factors affecting some missions, requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to improve the quality and timely issuance of peacekeeping documents;

26. *Reiterates its request* in paragraph 13 of its resolution 60/268 and paragraph 32 of its resolution 61/279, and urges the Secretary-General to submit the comprehensive report on the evolution of the support account at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session within the context of his next budget proposal for the support account;

27. *Notes* that the application of an accurate vacancy rate is good budgetary practice and essential for the appropriate assessment on Member States;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when submitting his budget proposals, to include details of the full annual cost of posts for the subsequent budget;

29. *Takes note* of paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[33]

30. *Stresses* the importance of complementarity of efforts and avoiding duplication between integrated operational teams and substantive components of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon, and to provide a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the integrated operational teams, in the comprehensive report to be submitted to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session;

31. *Affirms* the importance of ensuring that the information and communications technology operations and requirements relating to peacekeeping are fully addressed and properly managed, taking into account the principle of unity of command;

32. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and other relevant resolutions;

34. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[33] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

35. *Takes note* of paragraphs 81 to 87 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[33] and decides to establish the following posts in the current structure of the Office of Military Affairs:

(*a*) One D-1, two P-5, ten P-4 and four P-3 posts in the Office of the Military Adviser and one P-4 post for a civilian officer;

(*b*) Three P-4 posts and two P-3 posts in the Force Generation Service;

(*c*) Twelve P-4 posts in the Military Planning Service;

(*d*) Four P-4 posts in the Current Military Operations Service;

(*e*) One P-4 and three P-3 posts to be assigned to the Logistics Support Division of the Department of Field Support;

(*f*) One P-4 and one P-3 to be assigned to the Information and Communications Technology Division of the Department of Field Support;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit for its consideration at its sixty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the strengthening of the Office of Military Affairs and its impact on the organization and capacities of the Office;

37. *Requests* the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations to consider the report referred to in paragraph 36 above at its 2010 substantive session;

38. *Decides* to approve the following posts:

(*a*) One P-5 post for a Security Focal Point in the Situation Centre, Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(*b*) Two P-4 posts for a Policy Adviser and a Policy Development Officer in the Police Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(*c*) One P-3 post for a Programme Officer in the Risk Management Unit of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support;

(*d*) One P-3 post for a Finance and Budget Officer in the Budget and Performance Reporting Service of the Field Budget and Finance Division, Department of Field Support;

(*e*) One D-2 post for the Director of the Information and Communications Technology Division, Department of Field Support;

(*f*) One General Service (Other level) post for a Human Resources Assistant (Roster Development) in the Office of Human Resources Management;

39. *Decides* not to approve the following posts:

(*a*) One D-1 post for a Principal Officer and one General Service (Other level) post for an Administrative Assistant in the Asia and Middle East Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(*b*) One P-3 post in the Engineering Section of the Logistics Support Division, Department of Field Support;

(*c*) One P-4 post in the Property Management Section of the Logistics Support Division, Department of Field Support;

(*d*) One P-4 post for a Technical Information Operations Support Officer, Department of Field Support;

(*e*) One P-4 post for a Management Analyst Officer in the Management Support Service of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management;

(*f*) One General Service (Other level) Finance Assistant (Health and Life Insurance Section) in the Accounts Division, Department of Management;

(*g*) One P-4 and one P-3 post for Procurement Officers in the Procurement Division, Department of Management;

(*h*) One P-4 Legal Officer in the Office of the Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs;

40. *Decides* to convert one P-5 and one General Service general temporary assistance position in the Conduct and Discipline Unit to posts;

41. *Also decides* to approve the following positions as general temporary assistance:

(*a*) One P-4 Human Resources Officer (Outreach and Strategic Staffing Section) in the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management;

(*b*) One P-3 Finance Officer in the Treasury Division, Department of Management;

42. *Takes note* of paragraph 130 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[33] and decides to continue the four P-3 positions in the Peacekeeping Financing Division, Department of Management;

43. *Decides* to reduce the non-post resources by 1,899,100 United States dollars, and requests the Secretary-General to consider applying the reduction, inter alia, to the consultancy requirements referred to in paragraphs 297 and 354 of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;[34]

44. *Also decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

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45. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[35]

46. *Decides* not to transfer the amount of 2,014,000 dollars included in the amount of 7,097,000 dollars, previously authorized in its resolution 61/279, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund utilized to finance the requirements of the support account in respect of the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

47. *Decides* to apply the total amount of 13,790,000 dollars, comprising the unencumbered balance of 5,491,600 dollars and other income of 1,759,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, the support account fund balance in respect of financial periods ended 30 June 1997, 30 June 1998, 30 June 1999 and 30 June 2000 in the total amount of 2,138,000 dollars, and the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 in the amount of 4,401,400 dollars, to the support account requirements for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

48. *Also decides* to apply the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 in the amount of 2,014,000 dollars to the support account requirements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

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49. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 273,922,800 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, including 1,122 continuing and 98 new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

50. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 shall be financed as follows:

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[34] A/62/783 and Corr.1.

[35] A/62/766 and Add.1.

(*a*) The amount of 469,600 dollars, representing the balance remaining of the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

(*b*) The balance of 273,453,200 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

(*c*) The estimated staff assessment income of 26,274,600 dollars, comprising the amount of 26,221,200 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 and the increase of 53,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*b*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

RESOLUTION 62/251

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/600/Add.1, para. 13)

62/251. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and its resolution 62/231 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/277 of 29 June 2007,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 61/277,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base[36] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[37]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[37] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

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4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[38]

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[36] A/62/669 and A/62/769.

[37] A/62/781/Add.12.

[38] A/62/669.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

5. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 45,769,000 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

Financing of the budget estimates

6. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,532,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

(*b*) The balance of 40,236,900 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

(*c*) The net estimated staff assessment income of 3,179,400 dollars, comprising the amount of 3,473,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 and the decrease of 294,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*b*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

7. *Also decides* to consider at its sixty-third session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

RESOLUTION 62/252

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/600/Add.1, para. 13)

62/252. Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/274 of 14 June 2001 and 59/298 of 22 June 2005,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment,[39] the report of the 2008 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment, as transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[40] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[41]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment[39] and the report of the 2008 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment, as transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee;[40]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[41] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of paragraph 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and invites the Working Group to reconsider its recommendation at its next meeting;

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[39] A/62/774 and Corr.1.

[40] See A/C.5/62/26.

[41] A/62/851.

4. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its resolution 55/274, and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update of his report, including the arrangements for recreational leave allowance, for its consideration at the second part of its resumed sixty-third session.

RESOLUTION 62/253

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/866, para. 6)

62/253. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi,[42] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[43] and the statements made by the representative of the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee,[44]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1545 (2004) of 21 May 2004, by which the Council authorized, for an initial period of six months as from 1 June 2004, with the intention to renew it for further periods, the deployment of a peacekeeping operation called the United Nations Operation in Burundi, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the last of which was resolution 1692 (2006) of 30 June 2006, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 31 December 2006,

Recalling also its resolution 58/312 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/9 B of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Burundi as at 31 March 2008, including the credits in the amount of 27.5 million United States dollars;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[43] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

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3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[42]

4. *Also takes note* of paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

5. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation shall be credited with their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 30,729,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

6. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, their share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of

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[42] A/62/668.

[43] A/62/781/Add.2.

[44] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 37th meeting (A/C.5/62/SR.37), and corrigendum.

30,729,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 5 above;

7. *Further decides* that the decrease of 378,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 30,729,800 dollars referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi".

RESOLUTION 62/254

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/867, para. 7)

62/254. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[45] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[46]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 1795 (2008) of 15 January 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 30 July 2008,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/247 B of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 67 million United States dollars, representing some 3.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

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[45] A/62/642 and A/62/750.

[46] A/62/781/Add.13.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[46] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 (*b*) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish a national Professional post for an Engineer to be responsible for local environmental protection;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

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14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[47]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 497,455,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of the amount of 475,402,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 19,223,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 2,828,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 40,117,347 dollars for the period from 1 to 30 July 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as

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[47] A/62/642.

provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 953,605 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 786,613 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 148,960 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 18,032 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 457,337,753 dollars for the period from 31 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, at a monthly rate of 41,454,592 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,871,095 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,967,387 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 1,698,140 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 205,568 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 38,685,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

21. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 38,685,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Also decides* that the decrease of 422,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 38,685,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

RESOLUTION 62/255

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/868, para. 7)

62/255. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus,[48] the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Force[49] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[50]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1789 (2007) of 14 December 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 June 2008,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/280 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[51]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19.1 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

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[48] A/62/649 and A/62/718 and Corr.1.

[49] A/62/779.

[50] A/62/781/Add.9.

[51] S/1994/647.

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[50] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to reclassify the posts of Associate Public Information Officer, Chief Security Officer and Chief of Integrated Support Services to the P-3, P-4 and P-5 levels, respectively;

11. *Welcomes* the steps taken so far by the host Government and the Force regarding the renovation of the accommodation of military contingent personnel and of other personnel of the Force, and requests the Secretary-General to continue making every effort, in coordination with the host Government, to ensure that the renovations are completed as scheduled and to report thereon in the context of his next budget submission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

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15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[52]

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 2,516,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, in addition to the amount of 46,770,000 dollars already appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 60/270 of 30 June 2006;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

17. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net additional appropriation, equivalent to 741,433 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus;

18. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 25,354,700 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 60/270, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 1,775,067 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June

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[52] A/62/649.

2007, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, and the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 292,200 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

20. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share of other income in the amount of 641,518 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

21. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of other income in the amount of 641,518 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

22. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2007, that one third of other income in the amount of 403,829 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

23. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2007, that the prorated share of other income in the amount of 167,353 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

24. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[40]

25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Force the amount of 3,646,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in addition to the amount of 48,847,500 dollars already appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 61/280;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

26. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net additional appropriation, equivalent to 1,166,700 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus;

27. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 26,804,234 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 61/280, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 2,376,475 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 15 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237;

28. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 140,204 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 15 June 2008;

29. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 103,325 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 16 to 30 June 2008, in accordance

with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

30. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 29 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 6,096 dollars, representing the additional estimated staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 16 to 30 June 2008;

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31. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Force the amount of 57,392,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 54,851,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,215,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 325,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

32. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 18,264,450 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

33. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 32,627,550 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,718,962 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

34. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 33 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,543,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,305,200 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 212,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 25,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

35. *Further decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

36. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

37. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

38. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

39. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

RESOLUTION 62/256

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/869, para. 7)

62/256. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[53] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[54]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1794 (2007) of 21 December 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 December 2008,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/281 of 29 June 2007,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 343.6 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

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[53] A/62/737 and A/62/755.

[54] A/62/781/Add.8.

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[54] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to establish two P-3 posts for the Conduct and Discipline Team and one P-3 position to be funded from general temporary assistance;

11. *Also decides* not to abolish the eight P-3 posts and two National Officer posts of the Child Protection Section, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to fill all vacancies in the Section;

12. *Notes with concern* that the Mission continues to experience high vacancy and staff turnover rates, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure expeditious recruitment for all positions to ensure mandate delivery, including for the upcoming elections;

13. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the logistics hub in Entebbe, Uganda, has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account the ongoing efforts in this regard;

14. *Notes* that there has been cooperation among the missions to explore new avenues for achieving greater synergies in the use of the resources of the Organization, including the concept of a regional support base in Entebbe for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi and the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their assets and logistical operations;

15. *Decides* to establish the post of Coordination Assistant (Field Service) for the Office of the Deputy Special Representative;

16. *Also decides* to establish the post of Administrative Officer (P-3) in the Office of the Special Representative;

17. *Underlines* the fact that the temporary positions required for the local elections shall serve solely for that purpose and that the deployment shall be aligned to the schedule of the election;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure close coordination with the United Nations country team in order to ensure integration of efforts in the support of the forthcoming local elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

19. *Takes note* of paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and recalls paragraph 17, section II, of its resolution 61/244 of 22 December 2006, in which it acknowledged that the interaction of United Nations personnel with the local population in the field is essential and that language skills constitute an important element of the selection and training processes and therefore affirmed that a good command of the official language(s) spoken in the country of residence should be taken into account as an additional asset during those processes;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

21. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

22. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

23. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[55]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

24. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,242,729,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 1,187,676,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 47,991,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 7,061,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

25. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 621,364,500 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

26. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 14,584,200 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 11,999,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,305,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 279,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

27. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 621,364,500 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 103,560,750 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

28. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 14,584,200 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 11,999,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,305,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 279,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

29. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 61,577,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

30. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the

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[55] A/62/737.

unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 61,577,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 29 above;

31. *Also decides* that the increase of 1,225,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 61,577,300 dollars referred to in paragraphs 29 and 30 above;

32. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

33. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

34. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

35. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

RESOLUTION 62/257

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/870, para. 7)

62/257. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 62/545 A of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor[56] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[57]

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 10 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and forty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[57] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor;[56]

4. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special

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[56] A/62/555.

[57] A/62/574.

Account for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor in the amount of 3,853,000 dollars as at 30 April 2008 from the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 31,835,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

5. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 4 above to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

6. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 3,853,000 dollars as at 30 April 2008 from the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 31,835,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 4 above;

7. *Also decides* that updated information on the financial position of the Mission shall be included in the report to be considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session on the updated position of closed peacekeeping missions under the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

8. *Further decides* that the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" shall be deleted from its agenda.

RESOLUTION 62/258

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/871, para. 7)

62/258. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste,[58] the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission[59] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[60]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006, by which the Council decided to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew it for further periods, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1802 (2008) of 25 February 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 26 February 2009,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/249 A of 22 December 2006 and 61/249 B of 2 April 2007, as well as resolution 61/249 C of 29 June 2007 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

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[58] A/62/645 and A/62/753.

[59] A/62/796.

[60] A/62/781/Add.11.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 61.3 million United States dollars, representing some 18 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[60] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to establish one P-4 general temporary assistance position for a Legal Officer and one P-3 post for a Legal Officer;

11. *Also decides* to establish one P-3 general temporary assistance position for a Coordination Officer;

12. *Further decides* not to approve the upgrading of the two Security Officers;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the staffing structure, including the senior management level, of the Mission on an ongoing basis, bearing in mind, in particular, the mandate and concept of operations of the Mission, and to report thereon in his budget proposals;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to facilitate the acceleration of the recruitment process and improve incumbency levels in the Mission and to report on the results achieved in the context of the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

18. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 25 August 2006 to 30 June 2007;[61]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

19. *Also takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[59]

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste the amount of 16,436,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in addition to the amount of 160,589,900 dollars already appropriated for the Mission for the same period under the terms of its resolution 61/249 C;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

21. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 160,589,900 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 61/249 C, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 16,436,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 1,439,800 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

23. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Mission the amount of 180,841,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 172,842,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 6,973,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,026,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

24. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 119,484,292 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 26 February 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237;

25. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,982,574 dollars, comprising the

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[61] A/62/645.

estimated staff assessment income of 4,486,382 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 442,675 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 53,517 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 61,356,808 dollars for the period from 27 February to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 15,070,091 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

27. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,558,626 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,303,818 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 227,325 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 27,483 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

28. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 39,078,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

29. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 39,078,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 28 above;

30. *Also decides* that the decrease of 827,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 39,078,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 28 and 29 above;

31. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

32. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

33. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste".

RESOLUTION 62/259

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/872, para. 7)

62/259. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[62] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[63]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1798 (2008) of 30 January 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 2008,

Recalling also its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/248 B of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 26.5 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

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[62] A/62/560 and Corr.1 and A/62/811.

[63] A/62/781/Add.17 and Corr.1.

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[63] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[64]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea the amount of 105,010,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 100,367,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 4,047,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 595,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 8,750,833 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

16. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 231,307 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2008, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 194,983 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 32,408 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 3,916 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 46,075,167 dollars, comprising the amount of 41,819,750 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 August to 31 December 2008 at a monthly rate of 8,363,950 dollars, and the amount of 4,255,717 dollars for the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 386,883 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

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[64] A/62/560 and Corr.1.

18. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 1,374,493 dollars for the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 June 2009, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 974,917 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 356,492 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 43,084 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 18,012,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 18,012,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Also decides* that the decrease of 32,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 18,012,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

RESOLUTION 62/260

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/873, para. 7)

62/260. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[65] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[66]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

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[65] A/62/633 and A/62/680.

[66] A/62/781/Add.1.

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1808 (2008) of 15 April 2008,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/283 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.3 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-nine Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Observer Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[69] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* to maintain the staffing for the General Services Office for the Observer Mission at the level currently funded under the provisions of its resolution 61/283;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[97]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 36,084,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 34,484,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Observer Mission, 1,394,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 205,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 10,524,500 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

16. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 747,804 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 703,996 dollars approved for the Observer Mission, the prorated share of 39,083 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 4,725 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 25,559,500 dollars for the period from 16 October 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 3,007,000 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission;

18. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,816,096 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,709,704 dollars approved for the Observer Mission, the prorated share of 94,917 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 11,475 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,906,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share

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[97] A/62/633.

of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,906,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Also decides* that the decrease of 85,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 1,906,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Observer Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

RESOLUTION 62/261

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/874, para. 7)

62/261. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[68] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[69]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1780 (2007) of 15 October 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/284 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

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[68] A/62/631 and A/62/720.

[69] A/62/781/Add.6.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 171.5 million United States dollars, representing some 10 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[69] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to approve the upgrade and redeployment of one P-5 post from the Civil Affairs Section to the Office of the Principal Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General;

11. *Also decides* to approve the establishment of fourteen national General Service temporary positions for Drivers;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort for the Mission to comply with United Nations aviation safety standards, in particular regarding meteorological information and firefighting equipment;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination between the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies such as the unrest generated by the recent food crisis in Haiti;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to address the high vacancy rate in national posts as a matter of urgency;

15. *Decides* to allocate up to 2 million dollars for quick-impact projects for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

16. *Also decides* that quick-impact projects shall be conducted by the Mission in accordance with the requirements set out in resolution 61/276, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

19. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

20. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[70]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

21. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 601,580,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 574,916,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 23,243,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,420,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

22. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 175,460,862 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

23. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,557,495 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,827,308 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 651,379 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 78,808 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

24. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 426,119,238 dollars for the period from 16 October 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 50,131,675 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

25. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,068,205 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,294,892 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,581,921 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support

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[70] A/62/631.

account and the prorated share of 191,392 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 39,781,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

27. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 39,781,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 26 above;

28. *Also decides* that the decrease of 85,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 39,781,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 26 and 27 above;

29. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

30. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

31. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

32. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".

RESOLUTION 62/262

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/875, para. 7)

62/262. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,[71] the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission[72] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[73] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of the Mission mandate implementation[74] and the oral statement by the representative of the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon,[75]

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[71] A/62/610 and A/62/687.

[72] A/62/801.

[73] A/62/781/Add.18.

[74] A/62/807.

[75] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 49th meeting (A/C.5/62/SR.49), and corrigendum.

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/285 of 29 June 2007,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 48.9 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only ninety-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[77] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of the Mission mandate implementation[74] and the oral statement by the representative of the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon;[75]

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

14. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[76]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

15. *Further takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[72]

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the additional amount of 9,799,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, taking into account the amount of 220,897,200 dollars already appropriated for the Mission for the same period under the provisions of resolution 61/285;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

17. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 9,799,600 dollars, taking into account the amount of 220,897,200 dollars already apportioned by the General Assembly for the maintenance of the Mission in its resolution 61/285 for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

18. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the decrease of 823,800 dollars in estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 shall be added to the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 17 above;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

19. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Mission the amount of 207,203,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 20[illegible] 30 June 2009, inclusive of 198,012,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 8,012,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,178,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

20. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 207,203,100 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237;

21. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 16,141,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 15,278,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 769,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 93,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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[76] A/62/610.

22. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 13,465,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

23. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 13,465,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. *Further decides* that the decrease of 171,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 13,465,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

25. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

RESOLUTION 62/263

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/876, para. 7)

62/263. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia[77] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[78]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1497 (2003) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1777 (2007) of 20 September 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 September 2008,

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[77] A/62/648 and A/62/764.

[78] A/62/781/Add.10.

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/261 A of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/286 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Liberia as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 71 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-five Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[78] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of its resolution 60/121 B of 30 June 2006, and reiterates, in view of the importance of ensuring coordination and collaboration of efforts with the United Nations agencies and programmes, its request to the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the progress made in the development of a collaboration framework and the efforts towards developing an integrated workplan in the context of his budget submission at the sixty-third session of the Assembly;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the staffing structure of the Mission and its related costs and to report thereon in his next budget proposal;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[79]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 631,689,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 603,708,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 24,392,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,589,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 157,922,278 dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

18. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,567,150 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,910,325 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 585,925 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 70,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 473,766,822 dollars for the period from 1 October 2008 to 30 June 2009, at a monthly rate of 52,640,758 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

20. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,701,450 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,730,975 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,757,775 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 212,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17

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[79] A/62/648.

above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 84,508,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

22. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 84,508,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 21 above;

23. *Also decides* that the increase of 758,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 84,508,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 21 and 22 above;

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia".

RESOLUTION 62/264

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/877, para. 7)

62/264. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[80] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[81]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1788 (2007) of 14 December 2007,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/287 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

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[80] A/62/562 and A/62/719 and Corr.1.

[81] A/62/781/Add.7 and Corr.1.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-nine Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[51] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

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14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[52]

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[51] A/62/562.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 47,859,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 45,726,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,859,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 273,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 47,859,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,988,258 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,448,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,247,700 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, the prorated share of 178,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 21,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,728,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

19. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,728,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Further decides* that the increase of 72,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 2,728,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

RESOLUTION 62/265

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/878, para. 14),[53] by a recorded vote of 142 to 2, with 1 abstention, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Australia

62/265. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,[54] the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the Strategic Military Cell[55] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[56]

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1773 (2007) of 24 August 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 August 2008,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/250 C of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of 15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001, 56/214 A of 21 December 2001, 56/214 B of 27 June 2002, 57/325 of 18 June 2003, 58/307 of 18 June 2004, 59/307 of 22 June 2005, 60/278 of 30 June 2006, 61/250 A of 22 December 2006, 61/250 B of 2 April 2007 and 61/250 C,

Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

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[53] The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

[54] A/62/632 and A/62/751.

[55] A/62/744.

[56] A/62/781/Add.5.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Force as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 144.9 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-four Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307, 60/278, 61/250 A, 61/250 B and 61/250 C;

5. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307, 60/278, 61/250 A, 61/250 B and 61/250 C;

6. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

7. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

8. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[56] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

16. *Notes* the significant projected underexpenditure for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, as indicated in the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, to the extent possible, to take measures to improve budget forecasting with respect to the Force, bearing in mind the unpredictable nature of peacekeeping operations;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 1, section XXI, of resolution 61/276, and welcomes the cooperation among the missions in the region and the efforts of the Secretary-General in this regard;

18. *Notes with concern* the high vacancy rate among international and national staff of the Force, and decides to apply a vacancy factor of 14 per cent for international staff and 15 per cent for national staff;

19. *Notes* paragraphs 16 and 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to apply a delayed deployment factor of 8 per cent to the cost estimates for military contingents;

20. *Requests* the Secretary General to keep the requirements for the Force under constant review and to report thereon in the context of his future budget proposals;

21. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of its resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of its resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of its resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of its resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of its resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 B, paragraph 14 of its resolution 57/325, paragraph 13 of its resolution 58/307, paragraph 13 of its resolution 59/307, paragraph 17 of its resolution 60/278, paragraph 21 of its resolution 61/250 A, paragraph 20 of its resolution 61/250 B and paragraph 20 of its resolution 61/250 C, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

22. *Decides* to approve the post of Chief of the Joint Mission Analysis Cell (P-5) and the post of Associate Political Affairs Officer (P-2) in the Office of Political and Civil Affairs;

23. *Also decides* to maintain a D-2 post for the leadership of the Strategic Military Cell and a General Service post;

24. *Further decides* that the target date of the termination of the Strategic Military Cell shall be no later than 30 June 2010;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assess whether the strengthening of the Office of Military Affairs approved in its resolution 62/250 of 20 June 2008 has provided sufficient capacity and capability to meet the target date referred to above for the termination of the Strategic Military Cell and to report thereon in the context of the comprehensive report requested in resolution 62/250;

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26. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[57]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

27. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 680,932,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 650,755,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 26,306,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,870,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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[57] A/62/632.

Financing of the appropriation

28. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 113,488,767 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 August 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

29. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 28 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 2,312,883 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,840,633 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 421,267 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 50,983 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

30. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 567,443,833 dollars for the period from 1 September 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 56,744,383 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

31. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 30 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,564,417 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,203,167 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 2,106,333 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 254,917 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

32. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 28 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 8,252,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

33. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 8,252,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 32 above;

34. *Also decides* that the decrease of 370,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 8,252,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 32 and 33 above;

35. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

36. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

37. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

38. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

RESOLUTION 62/266

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/879, para. 6)

62/266. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[88] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[89]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1610 (2005) of 30 June 2005, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months until 31 December 2005,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 61/288 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 31 March 2008, including the credits in the amount of 89.5 million United States dollars;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[89] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

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3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Mission;[88]

4. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

RESOLUTION 62/267

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/880, para. 8)

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[88] A/62/756.

[89] A/62/781/Add.4.

62/267. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan[90] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[91]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for an initial period of six months as from 24 March 2005, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1812 (2008) of 30 April 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 59/292 of 21 April 2005 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/289 of 29 June 2007,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the trust fund in support of the peace process in the Sudan,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 167.3 million United States dollars, representing some 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

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[90] A/62/749 and A/62/785 and Corr.1.

[91] A/62/781/Add.16.

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[91] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Reaffirms* section XX of resolution 61/276, and encourages the Secretary-General, where feasible, to enhance regional and inter-mission cooperation with a view to achieving greater synergies in the use of the resources of the Organization and the implementation of mandates of the missions, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

11. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 32 of its resolution 62/232 of 22 December 2007;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

13. *Decides* to approve 20 of the 28 United Nations Volunteers for property management proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 101 of his report;[92]

14. *Takes note* of paragraphs 45 and 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his next overview report, to include information on the environmental policy, guidelines and pilot study as referred to in paragraph 174 of the report of the Secretary-General;[92]

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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19. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[93]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan the amount of 858,771,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 820,720,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 33,169,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,880,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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[92] A/62/785 and Corr.1.

[93] A/62/749.

Financing of the appropriation

21. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 715,642,666 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 18,685,833 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 15,708,583 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,655,917 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 321,333 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 143,128,534 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, at a monthly rate of 71,564,267 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

24. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,737,167 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,141,717 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 531,183 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 64,267 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 159,505,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

26. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 159,505,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Also decides* that the decrease of 1,662,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 159,505,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".

RESOLUTION 62/268

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/881, para. 7)

62/268. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara,[94] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[95] the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission[96] and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[97]

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1813 (2008) of 30 April 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/290 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 46.8 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

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[94] A/62/611 and A/62/679.

[95] A/62/781/Add.3.

[96] A/62/817.

[97] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 40th meeting (A/C.5/62/SR.40), and corrigendum.

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[96] and in the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee,[97] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* not to approve the Field Service post in the Archiving Unit;

11. *Decides* to provide general temporary assistance for the national General Service post in the Archiving Unit for one year, and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify its continuation in the context of the next budget submission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[98]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

16. *Also takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[99]

17. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 1,754,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in addition to the amount of 46,471,700 dollars already appropriated for the Mission for the same period under the terms of resolution 61/290;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

18. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 46,471,700 dollars already apportioned under the terms of resolution 61/290, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 1,754,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly

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[99] A/62/611.

resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

19. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the decrease of 235,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 shall be added to the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 18 above;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Mission the amount of 47,702,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 45,600,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,832,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 269,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

21. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 39,752,080 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,909,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,745,080 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 146,670 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 17,750 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 7,950,420 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, at a monthly rate of 3,975,208 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

24. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 381,900 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 349,020 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 29,330 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 3,550 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,903,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in resolution 61/237;

26. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,903,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Also decides* that the decrease of 345,700 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 2,903,700 referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

RESOLUTION 62/269

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/62/604/Add.2, para. 14)

62/269. Procurement reform

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999, 55/247 of 12 April 2001, 57/279 of 20 December 2002, 58/276 and 58/277 of 23 December 2003, 59/288 of 13 April 2005, 60/1 of 16 September 2005, 60/260 of 8 May 2006, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/246 of 22 December 2006 and 61/276 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[99] in particular those regarding the procurement process,

Having considered the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on United Nations procurement activities,[100] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[101] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the application of the best value for money principle in United Nations procurement[102] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[103]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[101] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Reaffirms* the need for the procurement system to be transparent, open, impartial and cost-effective, based on competitive bidding and fully reflecting the international character of the United Nations;

3. *Notes* the ongoing improvements made by the Secretary-General in procurement reform at Headquarters and in the field missions, including those set out in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

4. *Recalls* its resolutions 52/226 A of 31 March 1998, 54/14, 55/247, and 62/232 of 22 December 2007, regarding the need for the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that

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[99] ST/SGB/2003/7.

[100] A/62/525.

[101] A/62/721.

[102] A/61/846.

[103] See A/61/846/Add.1.

specifications are not deliberately tailored to predetermine the choice of supplier and that the principle of separation of responsibilities of the requisitioning and approving officers is maintained;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement all of the requests included in its previous procurement reform resolutions, in particular resolution 61/246;

Governance

6. *Reiterates its regret* for the delay in the response of the Secretary-General to its outstanding requests in its resolutions 59/288, 61/246 and 61/276, and urges him as a matter of priority to submit a report on procurement governance and other issues as requested in resolutions 61/246 and 61/276, with full justification of the reasons for the delay;

Internal controls

7. *Notes with concern* the possible weaknesses in the internal control environment with regard to procurement activities owing, inter alia, to the splitting of responsibilities between the Department of Management, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to take concrete steps to avoid any such weaknesses and to report thereon in the context of the report on the governance of United Nations procurement activities;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to strengthen further the internal control framework within the Procurement Division of the Department of Management by developing a more robust regime for the oversight of vendors, including subcontractors, at the Secretariat, as well as effectively addressing vendor misconduct and suspension;

Accountability

9. *Reaffirms* paragraph 3 of its resolution 61/246, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure proper accountability and training of all those involved in the procurement process at Headquarters and in the field;

Ethics

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to consider a proper mechanism for monitoring compliance of United Nations staff and vendors with ethical behaviour norms;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that ethics guidelines for procurement staff are issued as a matter of priority;

12. *Notes* that conflict of interest is not officially defined under current United Nations regulations and rules, and reiterates its request contained in its resolutions 52/226 A, 54/14, 60/266, 61/246 and 61/276 that the Secretary-General submit proposals on possible amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[30] and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations to address issues of potential conflict of interest, such as the employment of former United Nations procurement officers by United Nations suppliers and vice versa;

Vendors

13. *Endorses* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities, on the implementation of the simplified vendor registration process;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to simplify and streamline the vendor registration process, to share responsibilities among the various United Nations organizations, to take into account the different circumstances and varying levels of Internet access in countries and

to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities, on the results achieved;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to restore on the website of the Procurement Division without delay information on the Division's focal points providing advice on the vendor registration process in the six official languages of the United Nations and the Division's brochure in the six official languages on a cost-neutral basis;

Independent bid protest system

16. *Regrets* the lack of information in the report of the Secretary-General[100] in response to paragraph 13 of its resolution 61/246, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to launch the pilot project for the independent bid protest system and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities, on the experience gained, as part of the comprehensive proposal concerning the implementation of the system, which shall be subject to the prior consideration and approval of the Assembly;

Procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition

17. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 6 and 20 to 24 of its resolution 61/246;

18. *Notes* the efforts made by the Secretary-General to promote procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including business seminars, and also notes the increased participation of those countries in United Nations procurement activities, reaching 53 per cent in 2006 as compared to an average of 45 per cent over the preceding four years;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to promote and to conduct business seminars and to follow up on their outcome as a means of sensitizing the business community in developing countries to procurement opportunities in the United Nations;

20. *Endorses* paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue and intensify the exploration of additional innovative ways to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities;

21. *Recalls* section XIX, paragraph 4, of its resolution 61/276, in which it requested the Secretary-General to identify obstacles preventing the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in United Nations procurement contracts, including through seeking and analysing feedback from vendors who had attended United Nations business seminars in recent years, and requests the Secretary-General to report fully on those obstacles to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities, including on proposals to obviate such obstacles;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to increase the number of business seminars in developing countries and countries with economies in transition in order to increase procurement opportunities in those countries;

23. *Stresses* the need for business seminars to be more results-oriented and tailored to include adequate information on how to access business opportunities in the field of procurement with the United Nations;

Best value for money

24. *Takes note* of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[102] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[103] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at

its sixty-fourth session in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities;

25. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 33 of its resolution 61/246, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on clear guidelines for the implementation of the best value for money methodology in United Nations procurement, including all specifics of the weighted evaluation techniques;

Awarding of contracts and competitive bidding process

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to include in its annual reports all cases of application of exigency it considered, as well as the high-risk cases referred to the Headquarters Committee on Contracts on which it decided to provide comments;

27. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the utilization of systems contracts is subject to prior full analysis of all costs, in accordance with current practice;

28. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on his proposal contained in paragraph 129 of his report relating to bidding by joint ventures, inter alia, on its justification, its legal regulation, the registration of joint ventures in the United Nations vendor roster and safeguards against possible limitations of competition in United Nations procurement for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

29. *Decides* that contract bundling shall not be used as a tool to restrict international competition in United Nations procurement;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that requirements with regard to goods and services being procured as set forth in the solicitation documents are formulated subject to established limitations on the number of United Nations commodity codes per vendor;

31. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that in scheduling bidders' conferences and defining their venues, visa-processing timelines are taken fully into account and such alternatives as videoconferences are fully explored to avoid any impact of visa-related policies of different countries on the results of United Nations competitive bidding;

Performance and bid bonds

32. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further enhance transparency in the procurement decision-making process and, in this regard, to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in the context of the next comprehensive report on United Nations procurement activities, on clear guidelines and criteria for the request of bid bonds and performance bonds by procurement officers in the United Nations, as well as on exploring alternative means of ensuring the protection of the interests of the Organization throughout the term of the contractual obligation without restricting access to United Nations procurement of small and medium-sized enterprises, including those from developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

Sustainable procurement

33. *Recalls* paragraphs 137 to 140 of the report of the Secretary-General, and also recalls that the General Assembly has not considered for approval the concept of environmentally friendly and sustainable procurement, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on the content of and criteria for such a concept, including detailed information on its possible impact on the diversification of the origin of vendors and on international competition, including for developing countries and countries with economies in transition, for consideration and decision by the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

Delegation of authority

34. *Reiterates its request* in paragraph 20 of its resolution 59/288, and requests the Secretary-General to report on all the issues related to the levels of delegation of procurement authority, including mechanisms used to strengthen effective monitoring, oversight and accountability, in the context of his report on the governance of United Nations procurement activities;

Outsourcing practices

35. *Recalls* its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and 59/289 of 13 April 2005 on outsourcing practices, and stresses that the procurement staff certification programme should be in line with the provisions of those resolutions;

Subcontracting

36. *Notes with concern* the risks that may be presented by the lack of disclosure regarding the issue of subcontracting;

37. *Also notes with concern* that subcontractors have not been required to comply with the relevant rules of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to address this lacuna in internal control associated with subcontractors as a matter of priority and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

Human resources management

38. *Reaffirms* sections X and XI of its resolution 61/244 of 22 December 2006;

39. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 100 of its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and paragraph 21 of resolution 52/226 A;

Training

40. *Stresses* the need for all procurement staff to receive the mandatory training in United Nations procurement techniques and ethics, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

Enterprise resource planning

41. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop requirements for procurement management as a part of the new enterprise resource planning system, taking into account the need to allay concern that the use of different procurement-related information technology support systems in different departments is having a negative impact on the Organization's ability to exercise comprehensive procurement oversight;

42. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the enterprise resource planning requirements related to procurement reflect its decisions on procurement governance and to provide a comprehensive and concrete explanation as to how the new enterprise resource planning system will improve procurement-related internal control and oversight;

Other issues

43. *Stresses* the importance of efficiency in the acquisition process in the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to improve the efficiency of the procurement process;

44. *Recalls its request* in its resolution 59/288 to review without delay options to better safeguard the independence of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts, and encourages the Secretary-General to develop further measures to mitigate higher exposure to financial risk;

45. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that, on matters relating to procurement in the field, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support follow the principles of objectivity and impartiality in advising the Procurement Division.

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A. Elections and appointments

62/406. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

B[1]

At its 115th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 1 of its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and paragraph 16 of its decision 34/401, declared Serbia elected as a member of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for the remaining term of office of Hungary,[2] beginning on 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2011.

As a result, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme is composed of the following fifty-eight members: Algeria,* Angola,* Antigua and Barbuda,* Argentina,* Australia,* Austria,* Bahamas,** Bangladesh,** Belarus,** Belgium,* Benin,** Botswana,* Burundi,* Canada,* Chile,* China,* Colombia,** Congo,** Costa Rica,** Croatia,** Cuba,** Czech Republic,* Democratic Republic of the Congo,* Fiji,** Finland,** France,* Germany,* Guinea,** Haiti,* India,** Indonesia,* Iran (Islamic Republic of),** Israel,** Italy,** Japan,* Kazakhstan,** Kenya,* Mali,** Mauritius,** Mexico,** Monaco,** Netherlands,** Niger,** Pakistan,* Republic of Korea,* Romania,* Russian Federation,* Saudi Arabia,** Serbia,** Somalia,** South Africa,* Spain,** Thailand,* Tunisia,** Tuvalu,** Uganda,* United States of America* and Uruguay.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

62/415. Election of fifteen members of the Human Rights Council

At its 98th plenary meeting, on 21 May 2008, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, elected as members of the Human Rights Council, for a three-year term of office beginning on 19 June 2008, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, France, Gabon, Ghana, Japan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Brazil, France, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Japan, Mali, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia.

As a result, the Human Rights Council is composed of the following forty-seven Member States: Angola,** Argentina,*** Azerbaijan,* Bahrain,*** Bangladesh,* Bolivia,** Bosnia and Herzegovina,** Brazil,*** Burkina Faso,*** Cameroon,* Canada,* Chile,*** China,* Cuba,* Djibouti,* Egypt,** France,*** Gabon,*** Germany,* Ghana,*** India,** Indonesia,** Italy,** Japan,*** Jordan,* Madagascar,** Malaysia,* Mauritius,* Mexico,* Netherlands,** Nicaragua,** Nigeria,* Pakistan,*** Philippines,** Qatar,** Republic of Korea,*** Russian Federation,* Saudi Arabia,* Senegal,* Slovakia,*** Slovenia,** South Africa,** Switzerland,*

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[1] Decision 62/406, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/62/49 and A/62/49 (Vol. II)/Corr.1), vol. II, becomes decision 62/406 A.

[2] See A/62/905.

UKRAINE,*** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** URUGUAY* and ZAMBIA.***

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* Term of office expires on 18 June 2009.

** Term of office expires on 18 June 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 18 June 2011.

62/416. Election of the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session[3]

At its 99th plenary meeting, on 4 June 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations, rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and paragraph 1 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978 elected by acclamation, Mr. Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN of Nicaragua as President of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.

62/417. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session[3]

On 4 June 2008, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings in accordance with rules 99 (*a*) and 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 100th plenary meeting, on 4 June 2008, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected as Chairmen of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session:

First Committee:	Mr. Marco Antonio SUAZO (Honduras)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Jorge ARGÜELLO (Argentina)
Second Committee:	Mrs. U. Joy OGWU (Nigeria)
Third Committee:	Mr. Frank MAJOOR (Netherlands)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Gábor BRÓDI (Hungary)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Hamid AL BAYATI (Iraq)

62/418. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session[3]

At its 100th plenary meeting, on 4 June 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected by acclamation the following twenty-one Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session: AFGHANISTAN, BOLIVIA, CAMEROON, CHINA, EGYPT, FRANCE, JAMAICA, KYRGYZSTAN, MOLDOVA, MONGOLIA, MYANMAR, NAMIBIA, NIGER, PORTUGAL, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, RWANDA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SPAIN, TOGO, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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[3] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

62/419. Election by the General Assembly of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

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At its 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, the General Assembly was informed that the term of office of the current members of the troop-contributing countries on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, which was due to expire on 22 June 2008, had been extended until 11 July 2008. The Assembly was also informed that the Economic and Social Council had decided also to extend the term of office of the members of the Council on the Organizational Committee until 11 July 2008.[4]

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided, as an interim measure, to extend the term of office of the current members of the Assembly on the Organizational Committee, namely, BURUNDI, CHILE, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR and FIJI, which was due to expire on 22 June 2008, until 11 July 2008.

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At its 111th plenary meeting, on 11 July 2008, the General Assembly was informed, by a letter dated 10 July 2008 to the President of the General Assembly, that the term of office of the current members of the troop-contributing countries on the Organizational Committee had been extended until 31 December 2008. The Assembly was also informed that the Economic and Social Council had decided also to extend the term of office of the members of the Council on the Organizational Committee until 31 December 2008.[5]

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided, as an interim measure, to further extend the term of office of the current members of the Assembly on the Organizational Committee until 31 December 2008.

The Security Council, pursuant to paragraph 4 (*a*) of its resolution 1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, selected BELGIUM and SOUTH AFRICA as members of the Organizational Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December 2008, on the expiration of the term of office of PANAMA and SOUTH AFRICA.[6]

Pursuant to paragraph 4 (*c*) of General Assembly resolution 60/180 of 20 December 2005, CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, the NETHERLANDS and SWEDEN were selected by and from among the top ten providers of assessed contributions to United Nations budgets and of voluntary contributions to United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including the standing peacebuilding fund, for a two-year term of office beginning on 23 June 2008 and ending on 22 June 2010.[7]

As a result, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission is composed of the following thirty-one Member States: ANGOLA,** BANGLADESH,** BELGIUM,** BRAZIL,** BURUNDI,** CANADA,**** CHILE,** CHINA,* CZECH REPUBLIC,** EGYPT,** EL SALVADOR,** FIJI,** FRANCE,* GEORGIA,*** GERMANY,**** GHANA,** GUINEA-BISSAU,** INDIA,** INDONESIA,** JAMAICA,*** JAPAN,**** LUXEMBOURG,** NETHERLANDS,**** NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SOUTH AFRICA,** SRI LANKA,** SWEDEN,**** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

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* Permanent members of the Security Council.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

*** Term of office expires on 22 June 2009.

**** Term of office expires on 22 June 2010.

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[4] See Economic and Social Council decision 2008/201 D.

[5] See Economic and Social Council decision 2008/201 E.

[6] See A/62/684-S/2008/84 and Corr.1.

[7] See A/62/825.

62/420. Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 116th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2008, the General Assembly approved the appointment by the Secretary-General[8] of Ms. Navanethem PILLAY (South Africa) as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 September 2008 and expiring on 31 August 2012.

62/421. Extension of the terms of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 116th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2008, the General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General[9] which was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1824 (2008) of 18 July 2008 that:

(*a*) The term of office of the following permanent judges at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 who were members of the Appeals Chamber be extended until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases before the Appeals Chamber if sooner:

Mr. Mehmet GÜNEY (Turkey)
Ms. Andrésia VAZ (Senegal)

(*b*) The term of office of the following permanent judges at the Tribunal who were members of the Trial Chambers be extended until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of the cases to which they were assigned if sooner:

Sir Charles Michael Dennis BYRON (Saint Kitts and Nevis)
Mr. Asoka DE SILVA (Sri Lanka)
Mr. Sergei Alekseevich EGOROV (Russian Federation)
Ms. Khalida Rachid KHAN (Pakistan)
Mr. Erik MØSE (Norway)
Ms. Arlette RAMAROSON (Madagascar)
Mr. William Hussein SEKULE (United Republic of Tanzania)

(*c*) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, currently serving at the Tribunal, be extended until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of the cases to which they were assigned if sooner:

Ms. Florence Rita ARREY (Cameroon)
Ms. Solomy Balungi BOSSA (Uganda)
Ms. Taghreed HIKMAT (Jordan)
Mr. Vagn JOENSEN (Denmark)
Mr. Gberdao Gustave KAM (Burkina Faso)
Mr. Lee Gacuiga MUTHOGA (Kenya)
Mr. Seon Ki PARK (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Emile Francis SHORT (Ghana)

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[8] See A/62/913.

[9] See A/62/896-S/2008/436.

(*d*) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, who had not yet been appointed to serve at the Tribunal, be extended until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of any cases to which they might be assigned if sooner:

Mr. Aydin Sefa AKAY (Turkey)
Ms. Karin HÖKBORG (Sweden)
Ms. Flavia LATTANZI (Italy)
Mr. Kenneth MACHIN (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Joseph Edward Chiondo MASANCHE (United Republic of Tanzania)
Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Mohd. Azmi Dato' Hj. KAMARUDDIN (Malaysia)
Mr. Mparany Mamy Richard RAJOHNSON (Madagascar)
Mr. Albertus Henricus Johannes SWART (Netherlands)
Ms. Aura Emérita GUERRA DE VILLALAZ (Panama)

At the same meeting, the General Assembly also decided that the recommendation would take effect as of 1 January 2009.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

62/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

B[10]

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 11 July 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[11] decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session an additional item entitled "Extension of the terms of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 115th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2008, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*b*) of agenda item 113, entitled "Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), in order to consider a letter dated 2 July 2008 from the representative of Hungary to the President of the General Assembly.[12] The Assembly further agreed to proceed immediately to the consideration of the sub-item.

At its 116th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2008, the General Assembly decided to consider directly in plenary meeting agenda item 137 entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), in order to consider a letter dated 9 July 2008 from the representative of Germany to the President of the General Assembly.[13]

At its 121st plenary meeting, on 11 September 2008, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 56 entitled "Globalization and interdependence" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting, under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences). The Assembly also decided to proceed immediately to its consideration in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.[14]

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*b*) of agenda item 64, entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa", under heading C (Development of Africa), in order to consider a draft resolution.[15]

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to consider directly in plenary meeting sub-item (*g*) of agenda item 98, entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament", under heading G (Disarmament). The Assembly also decided to proceed immediately to its consideration in order to consider expeditiously a draft decision.[16]

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[10] Decision 62/503, in section B.1 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/62/49 and A/62/49 (Vol. II)/Corr.1), vol. II, becomes decision 62/503 A.

[11] A/62/250/Add.3.

[12] A/62/905.

[13] A/62/914.

[14] A/62/L.41/Rev.1.

[15] A/62/L.47.

62/549. Participation of civil society representatives in the high-level meeting on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, to be convened on 10 and 11 June 2008

At its 96th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the Assembly,[17] decided to approve for participation in the high-level meeting on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, to be convened on 10 and 11 June 2008, the list of civil society representatives contained in document A/62/CRP.1, which was drawn up by the President pursuant to paragraph 8 of Assembly resolution 62/178 of 19 December 2007.

62/550. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

At its 116th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2008, the General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce.[18]

62/551. Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations

At its 116th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Germany,[13] decided to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations for one meeting, for the sole purpose of taking note of the oral report of the coordinator on the informal intersessional consultations and to request the Secretary-General to issue the coordinator's summary entitled "Coordinator's summary of the preliminary observations made in the informal consultations on the draft statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal" as an addendum to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.[19]

62/552. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 121st plenary meeting, on 11 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Indonesia,[16] recalling paragraph 2 of its resolution 62/29 of 5 December 2007, and noting that the Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament did not convene its organizational and substantive sessions during the sixty-second session of the Assembly in 2008, decided to continue work on convening those sessions of the Working Group as soon as possible.

62/553. Enlargement of the membership of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

At its 121st plenary meeting, on 11 September 2008, the General Assembly, in the light of the decision of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People conveyed by its Chairman to the President of the General Assembly,[20] and in accordance with Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, decided to enlarge the membership of the Committee by appointing Nicaragua as a member.

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[16] A/62/L.49.

[17] A/62/L.44.

[18] A/62/912.

[19] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 55*, addendum (A/63/55/Add.1).

[20] See A/62/951.

62/554. Prevention of armed conflict

At its 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Prevention of armed conflict" and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-third session.

62/555. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme

At its 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Costa Rica,[21] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme" and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-third session.

62/556. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

At its 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor" and to include it in the draft agenda of its sixty-third session.

62/557. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

At its 122nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2008, the General Assembly, recalling its previous resolutions and decisions relevant to the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, mindful of Chapter XVIII of the Charter of the United Nations and of the importance of reaching general agreement as referred to in its resolutions 48/26 of 3 December 1993 and 53/30 of 23 November 1998 and in its decision 61/561 of 17 September 2007 on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, as well as the ratification process of any amendment to the Charter as stipulated in its Article 108, and taking note of the seven principles presented by the President of the General Assembly to serve as guiding principles for the advancement of the Security Council reform:[22]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council on its work during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly;[23]

(*b*) Noted with appreciation the Chairperson's initiative and efforts in the process of a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, as well as the work done by the Vice-Chairpersons;

(*c*) Decided, building on the progress achieved thus far, in particular during its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, to continue immediately to address, within the Open-ended Working Group, the framework and modalities in order to prepare and facilitate intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council. The Chairperson of the Open-ended Working Group would present the results of those consultations to an informal plenary session of the General Assembly, no later than 1 February 2009;

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[21] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 122nd meeting (A/62/PV.122), and corrigendum.

[22] Ibid., 51st meeting (A/62/PV.51), and corrigendum.

[23] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 47* (A/62/47).

(*d*) Also decided, taking into consideration the results achieved so far in the Open-ended Working Group, and building on the progress achieved thus far, in particular during its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, to commence intergovernmental negotiations in informal plenary of the General Assembly during its sixty-third session, but not later than 28 February 2009, based on proposals by Member States, in good faith, with mutual respect and in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, seeking a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States;

(*e*) Further decided that the basis for the intergovernmental negotiations would be as follows:

(i) The positions and proposals of Member States, regional groups and other groupings of Member States;

(ii) The five key issues: categories of membership; the question of the veto; regional representation; size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council; and the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly;

(iii) The following documents: report of the Open-ended Working Group on its work during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly;[24] Assembly decision 61/561; and the report of the Open-ended Working Group on its work during the sixty-second session of the Assembly;[23]

(*f*) Decided that the Open-ended Working Group should continue to exert efforts during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly aimed at achieving general agreement among Member States in the consideration of all issues relevant to the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth to sixty-second sessions of the Assembly;

(*g*) Also decided that the Open-ended Working Group should submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its sixty-third session, including any agreed recommendations.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

62/545. Questions deferred for future consideration

B[25]

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[26]

Section A

Decided to defer until the second part of its resumed sixty-second session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

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[24] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 47* (A/61/47).

[25] Decision 62/545, in section B.6 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/62/49 and A/62/49 (Vol. II)/Corr.1), vol. II, becomes decision 62/545 A.

[26] A/62/604/Add.1, para. 6.

Item 126

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on United Nations procurement activities[27]

Comprehensive report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on United Nations procurement activities[28]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the application of the best value for money principle in United Nations procurement, and note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon[29]

Section B

Decided to defer until its sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 128

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 3, Political affairs, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs[30]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 3, Political affairs, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs[31]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs[32]

Letter dated 7 March 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General[33]

Letter dated 12 March 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Cuba to the United Nations[34]

Item 133

Human resources management

Report of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300- and 100-series appointments[35]

Report of the Secretary-General on detailed proposals for streamlining United Nations contractual arrangements[36]

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[27] A/62/525.

[28] A/62/721.

[29] A/61/846 and Add.1.

[30] A/62/521 and Corr.1.

[31] A/62/7/Add.32. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[32] A/61/357.

[33] A/C.5/62/24.

[34] A/C.5/62/25.

[35] A/61/732.

[36] A/62/274.

Report of the Secretary-General on the harmonization of conditions of service[37]

Addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2006[38]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on human resources management[39]

Item 138
Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 139
Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia[40]

Report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2007[41]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on a comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia[42]

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At its 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[43] decided to defer until its sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

Item 140
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and budget for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009[44]

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on conduct and discipline, including full justification of all posts[45]

Report of the Secretary-General on peacekeeping best practices[46]

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[37] A/61/861.

[38] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 30*, addendum (A/61/30/Add.1).

[39] A/62/7/Add.14. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[40] A/62/681.

[41] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 30* and corrigendum (A/62/30 and Corr.1), chap. II.

[42] A/62/734.

[43] A/62/604/Add.2, para. 15.

[44] A/62/727.

[45] A/62/758.

[46] A/62/593 and Corr.1.

Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive report on training in peacekeeping[47]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations[48]

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007, and note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon[49]

62/547. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[50] having considered the report of the Secretary-General[51] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[52]

(*a*) Endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its report;[52]

(*b*) Decided to set, effective 1 April 2008, the annual net base salary of the members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda at 158,000 United States dollars, with the corresponding post adjustment per multiplier point equal to 1 per cent of the net base salary, to which would be applied the post adjustment multiplier for the Netherlands or the United Republic of Tanzania, as appropriate, taking into account the adjustment mechanism as proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 77 of his report;[53]

(*c*) Recalled paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007 and decided to revert to the issue of the pension scheme during the second part of its resumed sixty-second session.

62/549. Use of 300-series and 100-series appointments

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[54]

(*a*) Decided to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration until 31 December 2008;

(*b*) Authorized the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph (*a*) above, to reappoint, under the 100 series of the Staff Rules, those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts reached the four-year limit by 31 December 2008, provided that their functions were reviewed and found necessary and their performance was confirmed as fully satisfactory;

(*c*) Requested the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300-series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new staff.

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[47] A/62/676.

[48] A/62/781.

[49] A/62/281 (Part II) and Add.1.

[50] A/62/563/Add.3, para. 9.

[51] A/62/538 and Add.1 and 2.

[52] A/62/7/Add.36. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[53] A/62/538.

[54] A/62/600/Add.1, para. 14.

Annex I

Allocation of agenda items[a]

1. The following item, which had been allocated to the Second Committee, was also considered directly in plenary meeting during the resumed sixty-second session of the General Assembly, under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences):[b]

56. Globalization and interdependence:

(*a*) Globalization and interdependence;

(*b*) Science and technology for development;

(*c*) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

2. The following item, which had been allocated to the First Committee, was also considered directly in plenary meeting during the resumed sixty-second session, under heading G (Disarmament):[b]

98. General and complete disarmament:

(*g*) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

3. The following item, which had been allocated to the Fifth Committee and to the Sixth Committee, was also considered directly in plenary meeting during the resumed sixty-second session, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters):[b]

137. Administration of justice at the United Nations.

4. The following additional item was considered directly in plenary meeting, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), during the resumed sixty-second session:[b]

168. Extension of the terms of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[c]

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[a] Organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization.

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